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TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

Detroit Annual Conference

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

HELD IN

TABERNACLE CHURCH, DETROIT, MICH., AUG. 30 TO SEPT. 5,

1876.

BISHOP E. R. AMES,
PRESIDENT.

ARTHUR EDWARDS,
SECRETARY.

CONTAINS ALL PROCEEDINGS.

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CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER.

As Adopted in 1869, Modified in 1875, and Adopted in 1876.

1. The Conference shall meet at 8½ o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 12 M., but may alter the time of meeting and adjourning at its discretion.
 2. The President shall take the chair precisely at the time to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer, and shall have the journals of the preceding day read and approved.
 3. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference: but, in case of an appeal, the question shall be taken without debate.
 4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference, but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time.
 5. All motions and resolutions introduced by any member shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary, or any member of the Conference requests it.
 6. When a motion, resolution, or report presented is read by the Secretary or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference, but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover, at any time before action or amendment.
 7. No new motion or resolution shall be made before the one under consideration has been disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following should intervene, which motion shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed, viz: Indefinite postponement, lying on the table, reference to a committee postponement to any given time, or amendment.
 8. No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the President, to call him to order when he departs from the question, uses personalities or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems the speaker out of order, or any other member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.
 9. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President.
 10. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, or more than fifteen minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference; nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.
 11. When any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the prevailing side, to move a reconsideration.
 12. No member shall absent himself from the services of Conference without leave unless he is sick or unable to attend.
 13. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar of the Conference at the time such question is put by the President, except by leave of Conference, when such member has been necessarily absent.
 14. Every member who shall be within the bar at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.
 15. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.
 16. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings of the Conference, and, when approved, shall record them in a book provided for that purpose. He shall take charge of the journal and other papers of the Conference, and preserve them with care; suffer no person to take a copy of any paper during the interval of Conference, except with the consent of the Conference; and shall forward the journal and papers to the next Annual Conference.
 17. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time, and shall be decided without debate.
 18. No preacher shall bring any charge against any member of this Conference until he has first given him information of the same, either by letter or otherwise, ten days in advance, if practicable, so that the accused may have an opportunity for defense.
 18. When any brother intends to object to the passage of another's character, it shall be his duty to hand the name of the person against whom objections are to be made to the President of the Conference.
- [The Conference, Sept. 8, 1873, ordered the previous question on a pending motion, thus establishing a precedent.—*Secretary.*]

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1. Mature your statistical and other returns before leaving home.
 2. Report them AS SOON as you arrive. If you do not expect to arrive early, forward them.
 3. Report EVEN DOLLARS AND NO CENTS, if possible, to facilitate committee work.
 4. Write proper names and figures with extreme care.
 5. Presiding Elders will please bring to the next session a complete list of local preachers in their districts. Let the report state whether they are merely licensed, or Deacons or Elders. Add their post-office addresses.
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TO EVERY MEMBER—PERSONAL.

The Secretary, ARTHUR EDWARDS, 57 Washington Street, Chicago, wishes to immediately receive by mail answers to the following. The material is wanted to complete the Register:

1. Your name in full.
2. Born—where?
3. Born—when?
4. Admitted into full connection—
In what Conference?
5. When?
6. If not originally admitted into Detroit Conference, from what Conference, or other Church, transferred to Detroit Conference?
7. When?

Journal of the Twenty-first Session

IN FULL.

FIRST DAY.

DETROIT, MICH., WEDNESDAY, Aug. 30, 1876.

THE TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE DETROIT ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH began in the Tabernacle Methodist Episcopal Church, in Detroit, Michigan, at nine o'clock, on the morning of Wednesday, August 30, 1876, Bishop Edward R. Ames presiding.

By request of the Chair, William E. Bigelow conducted the opening religious exercises, which consisted of the reading of the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah and the second chapter of Acts, the singing of the four hundredth hymn, and prayer by Bro. Bigelow.

The roll of Conference members was called by Arthur Edwards, the Secretary at the last session, and the following persons were found to be absent—all the remainder being present, save those who were reported deceased, as hereinafter noted :

Robert Triggs, George Taylor, John Gray, Daniel C. Jacokes, Jacob E. Parker, Thomas Wakelin, Curtis Mosher, Samuel Bessey, David A. Curtis, Richard McConnell, Andrew Bell, Thomas Seeleye, Ira W. Donelson, Joseph W. Holt, William Benson, Sylvester Calkins, Peter O. Johnson, Peter Marksman, Benjamin F. Pritchard, Rufus C. Crane, William Mahon, Jacob Dobbins, Erastus R. Hascall, Thomas J. Joslin, Orlando Sanborn, Lewis Mitchell, Elias B. Prindle, John G. Whitcomb, William Birdsall, Erastus Klumph, William Tuttle, Joseph B. Varnum, James H. Caster, Benj. F. Cocker, John W. Crippen, Theron C. Higgins, Jesse B. Russell, Wm. C. Way, John Wesley, George W. Owen, Samuel Bird, William J. Clack, James H. Curnalia, Alfred F

Bourns, John Kelly, George Wilson, John M. Gordon, Jacob Horton, John A. McIlwain, John S. Joslin, James Venning, Alexander S. Fair, John McEldowney, Ephraim VanNorman, Marcenas B. Wilsey, Albert Sheppard, Elias W. Frazee, Harvey Hodskiss, William P. Maywood, Newell Newton, James E. Withey, Abel W. Harding, Levi L. Houghton, George M. Lyon, William X. Ninde, Thomas G. Omans, Elias E. Pearman, Andrew W. Wilson, James A. Dunlap, Thomas Wilkinson, Alva B. Wood, Philip J. Wright, James H. Kilpatrick, Eli Westlake, John L. Walker, Edwin Foster, J. Milton Johnson, Daniel J. Odell, Thomas H. Baskerville, Osmer B. Hale, Frederick Porter, Roland Woodhams, George Nixon, Richard Copp, Isaac Greensky, Calvin Gibbs, John E. Richards, Peter L. Sparrow, James H. Morton, Henry C. Northrup, John W. Campbell, William H. Osborne, Lewis P. Davis, Jesse Kilpatrick, James R. Noble.

When the names of Addison C. Shaw, James R. Cordon and Elisha Bibbins were called it was announced that those brethren had been called to their reward since the last session.

A ballot for Secretary having been ordered, William H. Shier, Jacob C. Wortley and Arthur Edwards were nominated for election, and L. R. Fiske. A. J. Bigelow and R. S. Pardington were appointed to collect and count the ballots.

The tellers received permission to retire, and pending the count Arthur Edwards was appointed to keep the minutes.

The Rules of Order governing the session of 1875 were adopted to govern the session of 1876.

A prayer meeting was appointed to be held each morning from eight to half-past eight o'clock.

The bar of the Conference was fixed on the line connecting the windows on the opposite sides of the church, respectively fourth in order from the pulpit.

The Standing Committees for the session were confirmed, as follows :

Public Worship—Presiding Elders and Preachers in Detroit.

Education—A. J. Bigelow, Wm. Taylor, T. Stalker.

Ministerial Education—L. R. Fiske, W. H. Shier, I. N. Elwood.

Conference Stewards—D. Casler, J. Kelly, J. M. Johnson.

Missions—Presiding Elders.

Mission Auditors—S. Clements, W. E. Bigelow, T. J. Joslin.

Sunday Schools and Tracts—J. B. Atchinson, S. L. Ramsdell, G. W. Lowe.

Church Extension—J. S. Smart, J. Kilpatrick, F. W. Warren.

Freedmen—J. Venning, R. S. Pardington, J. S. Sutton.

Periodicals—J. M. Fuller, F. E. York, L. Barnes.

Bible Cause—J. W. Crippen, G. H. Field, W. Q. Burnette.

Temperance—A. F. Bourns, A. B. Clough, T. G. Potter.

Sanctity of the Sabbath—B. S. Taylor, A. B. Wood, J. H. McIntosh.

Statistics—A. B. Clough, C. T. Allen, D. J. Odell.

Post Offices—F. E. Pearce.

Parsonages—J. F. Davidson, Wm. Donnelly, A. Gee.

Memoirs—Luther Lee, B. F. Pritchard, Alfred Allen.

To Nominate Committees for 1877—J. M. Fuller, O. J. Perrin, S. P. Murch, T. G. Potter, L. Barnes, A. J. Bigelow, J. S. Smart, J. M. Johnson.

On Conference Uclaimants—R. S. Pardington, I. N. Elwood, J. Frazer, G. W. Lowe, J. Venning, R. Bird, Wm. Taylor, H. C. Northrup.

Debts Due Book Concern—S. Clements, Wm. J. Campbell, J. M. Gordon, B. S. Taylor, E. E. Caster, J. F. Davidson, J. H. McIntosh, Isaac Johnson.

To Publish Minutes—Secretary of the Conference and J. M. Arnold.

The tellers to count the votes cast for Secretary, returned, and reported the following :

Whole number of ballots cast.	129
Necessary for choice.	65
J. S. Smart had received.	1
William H. Shier.	16
J. C. Wortley.	32
Arthur Edwards.	80

The last named was therefore pronounced elected, and was further authorized to nominate Assistant Secretaries.

William Graham representing the New York Book Concern, Rev. Dr. Eddy, pastor of the First Congregationalist Church, in Detroit, and Rev. Dr. J. P. Scott, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church, in Detroit, and Rev. L. Saulsbury, representing the American Seaman's Friend Society, were introduced to the Conference.

B. S. Taylor was appointed to serve on the Committee to examine Conference undergraduates for the first year, in place of John Hamilton, excused.

J. S. Smart presented the following preamble and resolution, which, after a brief debate, were laid on the table by a count vote of 62 to 42.

Whereas: The General Conference at its late session in Baltimore, directed the Bishops to present the question of suspending the Third

Restrictive Rule, so as to allow the annual conferences to determine the number of Presiding Elder Districts;

And whereas: It never has until recently been claimed that there was any constitutional impediment in the way of making the change contemplated, by a simple majority vote of the General Conference;

And whereas: It involves, at least indirectly, the whole question of the constitutionality of all changes in the Presiding Eldership by the General Conference, and is, therefore, a subject of very grave importance and interest to the whole church, worthy of the most deliberate consideration and thorough discussion, therefore;

Resolved: That in order that such consideration and discussion may be had, this question shall be made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 10 o'clock A. M., at which time the Bishop is respectfully requested to present it.

A Court to consist of fifteen members was ordered, to which charges preferred against members of the Conference should be referred. The Committee that made nominations of standing committees for the present session, was instructed to nominate the members of said court.

The Tenth Disciplinary Question was considered, and the characters of the following named Elders were examined and passed: E. H. Pilcher, L. R. Fiske, W. H. Pearce, W. W. Washburne, J. M. Fuller, S. E. Warren, R. S. Pardington, D. C. Jacokes, J. H. Kilpatrick, A. Gee, D. Casler, J. H. Morton, J. W. Crippen, N. Newton, L. C. York, G. W. Owen, Lewis P. Davis, S. Clements, J. M. Truscott, J. G. Morgan, H. O. Parker, W. H. Benton, H. N. Brown, W. X. Ninde, Arthur Edwards, J. M. Arnold, J. Russell, J. B. Atchinson, L. W. Pilcher, G. R. Davis, Seth Reed, I. N. Elwood, J. B. Russell, F. E. Warren, D. R. Shier, C. W. Austin, J. C. Wortley, J. A. McIlwain, F. E. Pearce, Wm. M. Triggs, Jesse Kilpatrick, L. J. Whitcomb, S. J. Brown, W. Hagadorne, Wm. J. Campbell, J. R. Noble, B. F. Pritchard, A. W. Wilson, O. J. Perrin, J. H. Caster, N. W. Pierce, D. C. Challis, B. F. Cocker, O. Whitmore, W. H. Shier, W. Q. Burnette, G. H. Field, A. R. Hazen, S. P. Murch, T. Nichols, E. W. Frazee, J. M. Van Every, Osmer B. Hale, W. C. Way, J. M. Gordon, W. E. Dunning, J. Frazer, H. Palmer, E. E. Caster, T. H. Baskerville, T. Stalker, J. Venning, J. T. Hankinson, A. B. Clough, I. Greensky, R. L. Cope, J. H. Curnalia, Edwin Foster, Alonzo Whitcomb, L. Barnes, C. L. Church, P. J. Wright, J. O. Bancroft, J. A. Dunlap,

J. E. Withey, Wm. Fox, C. T. Allen, A. J. Bigelow, L. L. Houghton, G. M. Lyon, C. Simpson, R. Bird, D. Whiteley, J. F. Davidson, B. H. Hedger, J. G. Whitcomb, R. Gage, C. M. Anderson, D. W. Hammond, W. E. Bigelow, A. R. Laing, John Wesley, and William Tuttle.

The characters of the following Elders were examined and passed, and they were placed on the Superannuate List: A. W. Harding, I. H. Camburn, and Eli Westlake.

Charges affecting the administration of A. R. Bartlett, Presiding Elder of Saginaw District, were referred to the Court previously ordered at this session.

Charges affecting the moral character of F. W. May were referred to the same Court.

J. C. Wortley was requested by the Conference to solicit subscriptions to the *Methodist Quarterly Review*.

The committee previously instructed to nominate a Select Number reported the following names which, none of them being challenged, were confirmed as the Court to which shall be referred charges against members of the Conference: S. Clements, J. M. Fuller, I. N. Elwood, Wm. Donnelly, W. E. Bigelow, W. Q. Burnette, W. J. Campbell, Duke Whitley, B. H. Hedger, W. H. Shier, R. C. Lanning, Wm. Birdsall, C. M. Anderson, E. H. Brockway, D. Casler.

J. S. Smart was appointed by Bishop Ames to preside over the Court.

C. W. Austin was nominated, by the Secretary, and was elected as an assistant Secretary.

D. B. Tracy was similarly nominated and elected.

F. E. York was appointed to serve on the Examination Committee of the Fourth year, in place of B. F. Cocker, absent.

A draft for \$30 was ordered upon the Chartered Fund.

The Conference was adjourned, notices were given, the Doxology was sung and the Benediction was pronounced by Arthur Edwards.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, AUG. 31, 1876.

After the half-hour prayer-meeting, provided for yesterday, the Conference began business at half-past eight o'clock, without further religious services. Bishop Ames was in the chair.

The roll of absentees from the previous session was called, and the following answered to their names: D. C. Jacokes, T. Wake-
lin, T. Seeleye, R. Bird, J. W. Holt, Wm. Benson, B. F. Pritchard,
T. J. Joslin, O. Sanborn, L. Mitchell, J. G. Whitcomb, J. W.
Crippen, J. Kilpatrick, W. C. Way, J. Wesley, G. W. Owen, S.
Bird, J. H. Curnalia, A. F. Bourns, J. M. Gordon, J. A. McIlwain,
J. S. Joslin, J. Venning, J. McEldowney, G. M. Lyon, E. E.
Pearman, A. W. Wilson, E. Foster, T. H. Baskerville. J. Ash-
ford.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Rev. Dr. L. Hitchcock, of the Western Book Concern, and Rev.
Dr. D. D. Curry, Editor of the *National Repository*, were introduced.
The latter made remarks concerning the prospects and aims of the
Repository, after which the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, our publishers of our Book department have decided to
change the name of the *Ladies' Repository* to the *National Repository*, and
to change its character in important respects, therefore;

Resolved: That we heartily approve of their decision, and we will
give to the new magazine our hearty welcome, and endeavor to se-
cure for it an early and extensive circulation.

E. E. CASTER,
Recording Secretary.

The consideration of the Tenth Disciplinary Question was re-
sumed, and the characters of the following Elders were examined
and passed: Alfred Bourns, John McEldowney, G. W. Lowe, Wm.
M. Campbell, S. L. Ramsdell, R. C. Lanning, F. E. York, E. H.
Brockway, H. W. Hicks, J. S. Joslin, S. B. Kimmell, T. G. Potter,
John Hamilton, Wm. Birdsall, Samuel Bird, B. S. Taylor, J. Ash-
ford, J. B. Goss, James Balls, H. Hodskiss, L. S. Tedman, G.
Stow, T. J. Joslin, T. C. Gardner, J. S. Smart, J. Maywood, J.
Kelly, A. B. Wood, D. W. Misener, M. J. Scott, J. L. Walker,

W. Taylor, H. H. Smith, E. E. Pearman, C. Gibbs, S. P. Lee, W. Donnelly, J. H. McIntosh, J. W. Holt, A. J. Richards, J. M. Johnson, T. Wilkinson, E. Steer, J. Horton, J. G. Sparling, A. S. Fair, N. Green, T. G. Omans, R. Copp, Isaac Johnson, Peter Marksman.

The character of Peter L. Sparrow, an Elder, was examined and passed, and he was placed in a superannuate relation.

The Fourth Disciplinary Question was considered, and the following named brethren having given satisfaction to the Conference, after two successive years in itinerant work, were duly examined by the President of the Conference according to paragraph one hundred and fifty of the Discipline of 1876, preparatory to being received into full connection: Alexander J. Holmes, Edwin Dawe, James L. Hudson, Almon F. Hoyt, Henry T. Evans, Nelson G. Lyons, Frederick Coates, Lewis N. Moon, Daniel W. Giberson, Isaac Wilcox, John J. Hodge, Henry Nankervis, James E. Diverly, Joseph F. Berry.

Rev. Dr. John H. Vincent, Corresponding Secretary of the American Sunday-school Union (M. E.) and editor of S. S. books and periodicals, was introduced to the Conference, and made an address concerning the interests committed to him.

Rev. Dr. P. S. Donelson, E. A. Berry, both of Central Ohio Conference, and L. W. Earl, of Michigan Conference were introduced.

The following was adopted :

WHEREAS, the Church at Monroe, Mich., has been advertised for sale under mortgage, and must be sold soon, provided the amount is not speedily provided for, therefore *Resolved* that Brothers F. A. Blades, W. H. Shier, T. C. Owen, D. Preston, Wm. Phelps, S. Reed, J. M. Arnold and J. M. Fuller, be and hereby are appointed a committee, to devise some means to furnish relief to the brethren there, and save the church if possible.

E. H. PILCHER,
O. WHITMORE.

A report from the trustees of Albion College was referred to the Committee on Education.

Communications from the Book Committee were referred to the Committee on Periodicals.

The Conference adjourned, notices were given, and Samuel Clements pronounced the Benediction.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1, 1876.

At the conclusion of the morning prayer-meeting, Bishop Ames called the Conference to order at half-past eight o'clock.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with for this morning, and for the rest of the session.

The Journal of Thursday's session was read and approved.

The consideration of the Fourth Disciplinary Question was resumed. The characters of the following brethren having been examined and passed: Edwin Dawe, being Deacon, was admitted into full connection; Almon F. Hoyt was admitted into full connection and elected a Deacon; Dewitt C. Challis, an Elder, who is serving as a missionary in Bulgaria, was continued on trial; James L. Hudson was admitted into full connection and elected a Deacon; Nelson G. Lyons, being a Deacon, was admitted into full connection; Frederick Coates was admitted into full connection and elected a Deacon; Lewis N. Moon was admitted into full connection and elected a Deacon; Daniel W. Giberson, being a Deacon, was admitted into full connection; James E. Diverty, being a Deacon, was admitted into full connection; Joseph F. Berry was admitted into full connection and elected a Deacon.

Walter Preston and John Sweet were continued on trial; Isaac Wilcox was admitted into full connection and elected a Deacon; John J. Hodge, being a Deacon, was admitted into full connection; Henry Nankervis, being a Deacon, was admitted into full connection; Alexander J. Holmes, was discontinued; Henry T. Evans, being a Deacon, was admitted into full connection.

The Committee to Publish the Minutes was authorized to edit all reports made by committees, save those involving statistics. The same committee was authorized to embody the Conference Steward's report in the general statistics.

Franklin W. May, an Elder, communicated his desire to withdraw from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and pledged himself to return his ordination parchments to be filed with the Conference papers. Upon motion, F. W. May was permitted to do as he proposed, and the Secretary was instructed to enter his name on the roll as "withdrawn."

Henry S. White was readmitted to membership in full upon a certificate of location granted by the Wisconsin Annual Conference, October 12, 1874.

The following document was submitted by the President :

To the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The late General Conference directed the Bishops to submit to the several Annual Conferences, at their next ensuing sessions, the proposition to amend the Second Restrictive Rule, by striking out from the fifth line of paragraph 94 of the Discipline [¶ 70 § 2 of the Discipline of 1876] the words “forty-five,” and inserting instead thereof the words “ninety-nine,” and report the vote thereon to the General Conference of 1880.

GEO. W. WOODRUFF,

Secretary General Conference.

NEW YORK, June 13, 1876.

A motion to recommend the amendment of the Second Restrictive Rule as proposed by the above action of the General Conference, was negatived by a count vote of forty-seven (47) to fifty-three (53).

The following document was also submitted by the President :

To the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The late General Conference directed the Bishops to submit to the several Annual Conferences at their next ensuing sessions, the proposition to so far suspend the Third Restrictive Rule as to permit a modification of the “plan of our itinerant general superintendency,” by adding to paragraph 218 of the Discipline [¶ 137 § 2 of the Discipline of 1876] these words, namely: “The Conferences having authority to determine the number of districts; provided no Conference shall have less than two, nor more than eight, districts, nor shall any district have more than sixty pastoral charges;” so that the whole paragraph may read, “To form the districts according to his judgment, the Conferences having authority to determine the number of districts; provided no Conference shall have less than two nor more than eight districts, nor shall any district have more than sixty pastoral charges;” and report the vote thereon to the next General Conference.

GEO. W. WOODRUFF,

Secretary General Conference.

New York, June 13th, 1876.

E. H. Pilcher moved that this Conference do not assent to the proposition to suspend the Third Restrictive Rule for the purpose proposed, and it was further moved that, pending debate upon the

main question, the rule of order limiting speakers to fifteen minutes each be suspended.

The motion to suspend the rule of order did not prevail.

After a motion, made by T. C. Gardner, that the main question be taken without debate had been withdrawn by him, the motion made by E. H. Pilcher was carried by a unanimous count vote of one hundred and forty three (143), and so the Conference did not assent to the proposed suspension of the Third Restrictive Rule for the objects recited in the document last above quoted.

The following resolution offered by J. S. Smart, and seconded by Wm. H. Shier, was laid on the table by a count vote of sixty-four (64) to sixty-three (63).

Resolved: That in voting against the suspension of the Third Restrictive Rule, we do not oppose giving to the Annual Conference authority to designate the number of presiding Elder Districts, but, believing the General Conference has full power over this subject, we prefer to leave it with that body, we therefore re-affirm the action of our last Conference requesting the General Conference to make the desired change.

The following resolution was, after debate, laid on the table for the present.

Resolved, That we do hereby very respectfully request the presiding Bishop to reduce the number of Presiding Elder Districts in this Conference.

W. H. SHIER.
J. M. FULLER.

Rev. Dr. C. C. McCabe, of the Church Extension Board, Rev. A. M. Fitch of Albion, Mich., Rev. Dr. Sprole of the Second Congregational Church, in Detroit, Rev. G. M. Tuthill, Superintendent for the American Bible Society, in Michigan, Rev's Messrs. Belt, Maryatt and Wilkinson, of Central Ohio Conference, Rev. Dr. J. M. Reid, a Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society and Rev. Mr. Lansing, of the Georgia Conference, were introduced.

The Conference adjourned, notices were given, and D. C. Jacokes pronounced the benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, SEPT, 2, 1876.

Bishop Ames called the Conference to order at half-past eight o'clock in the morning, at the close of the prayer-meeting.

The Journal of Friday's session was read and approved.

The following appeal was read, and the decision, by the Presiding Elder of the Detroit District, therein contained, was, in open Conference, confirmed by Bishop Ames :

APPEAL.

To the Bishop presiding at the Detroit Annual Conference to be held in Tabernacle Church, Detroit, commencing August 30th, 1876 :

At a session of the Detroit District Conference, held at Plymouth, July 25th and 26th, the name of Mrs. Frances D. York was called as a candidate for the renewal of her license to preach the Gospel she having received a Local Preacher's License from the Ann Arbor District Conference, Aug. 12th, 1873, which license was renewed by the same Conference Aug. 18th, 1874, and by the Detroit District Conference, July 27th, 1875. Objection was raised, on the ground of illegality, and J. M. Fuller submitted, to the President, the following law question for decision: "Is a quarterly or District Conference of the M. E. church authorized by the discipline to license a woman as a local Preacher in said church?"

ANSWER:—"According to my understanding of Episcopal decisions on this question there is no authority for so licensing."

Signed,

E. H. PILCHER, P. E.

Notice was given that an appeal would be taken from this decision to the Bishop presiding at the next Annual Conference, as follows:

PLYMOUTH, JULY 26th, 1876.—"I hereby take an appeal from the above decision of the Presiding Elder on licensing women as Local Preachers; Taken to the Bishop that may preside at the next session of the Detroit Annual Conference, to be held at the Tabernacle M. E. church in Detroit, next Aug. 30th, 1876."

Signed,

M. HICKEY

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy.

L. C. YORK, Secretary.

Plymouth, July 26th, 1876.

The above decision of the Presiding Elder of Detroit district is hereby affirmed.

E. R. AMES,

Detroit, Sept. 2d, 1876.

President Detroit Conference.

The following document was read and placed on file :

The Committee to which was referred the case of Rev. A. R. Bartlett, Presiding Elder of Saginaw District, find him not guilty of mal-administration as charged, and unanimously pass his character.

C. W. AUSTIN,
Secretary.

J. S. SMART,
Chairman.

The Seventh Disciplinary Question was considered, and the characters of the brethren concerned having been passed, Franklin Bradley, John S. Priestley, William Allington, Nathan N. Clark, Roland Woodhams, Henry W. Thompson, James E. Whalen, Jonathan E. Richards and Wm. Dawe were elected Elders. Frederick Porter and Richard Hudson were continued in the second class of Deacons.

Richard Copp, an effective Elder, was made supernumerary by his own request.

Henry T. Evans was granted a location at his own request.

Richard Hudson, a Deacon on the supernumerary list, was made effective.

The Eighth Disciplinary Question was considered ; and the character of Curtis Mosher was examined and passed, and he was placed on the superannuate list. Richard Kerr was continued a supernumerary.

The Ninth Disciplinary Question was considered, and the characters of the following having been passed, the brethren were continued in their superannuate relation : Samuel Bessey, Joseph B. Varnum, Thomas Seeleye, Marcenas B. Wilsey, Jacob E. Parker, Lyman H. Dean, Wm. Mahon, Lewis Mitchell, Robert Triggs, Andrew Bell, John Gray, Elias B. Prindle, John Pugh, Samuel Bibbins, Francis A. Blades, Peter O. Johnson, Manassah Hickey, Jacob Dobbins, Ira W. Donelson, Thomas Wakelin, Ebenezer Steele, George Wilson, Sylvester Calkins, Erastus R. Hascall, Rufus C. Crane, George Taylor, Erastus Klumph, Wm. Benson, Ephraim Van Norman, Hiram Hood, D. Burnham Tracy, David A. Curtis, Wm. P. Maywood, R. McConnell, Luther Lee.

The characters of J. S. Sutton, O. Sanborn, Alfred Allen and T. C. Higgins were examined and passed, and they were made effective.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Reid, a corresponding secretary for the Mission-

ary Society, addressed the Conference, making an earnest appeal for the depleted treasury of that society.

The Sixth Disciplinary Question was considered, and the characters of the following having been passed, they were advanced to the second class of Deacons: Edwin P. Pearce, Charles R. Kellerman, Henry C. Northrup, Wm. H. Osborne, John Storrer, Frederick Strong, William Dawe, Edwin Craven, John S. Paull. The characters of John W. Campbell and Lewis P. Davis were passed but these brethren not having been examined in the third year's course of study were continued in the first class of Deacons.

The 23d Disciplinary Question was considered, and Adrian was chosen as the seat of the session of Conference in 1877.

The 19th Disciplinary Question was considered, and John B. Oliver being duly recommended by Deckerville Quarterly Conference; Oscar W. Willits, by Detroit District Conference; Alfred Harrington by Armada Quarterly Conference; Wm. George and James C. Higgins, by Ann Arbor District Conference; and Charles H. Morgan, by Grand Rapids District Conference, in Michigan annual Conference, were elected to orders as Local Deacons.

The committee on Missions made a Report [A.] which was adopted.

Bishop Ames announced the following appointments:

To examine Candidates for admission on trial—Dan. R. Shier, Geo. W. Lowe, W. H. Benton.

First Year—A. J. Bigelow, T. H. Baskerville, F. E. Pearce.

Second Year—J. A. McIlwain, T. G. Potter, J. G. Morgan.

Third Year—I. N. Elwood, W. E. Dunning, Chas. Simpson.

Fourth Year—W. W. Washburne, J. H. McIntosh, J. Venning.

Local Preachers for Deacon's orders—B. S. Taylor, W. C. Way, W. Hagedorn.

Local Deacons for Elder's orders—J. O. Bancroft, L. C. York, Wm. Taylor.

To preach Missionary Sermon—T. C. Gardner; alternate, J. S. Smart.

Conference Board of Church Extension—President, E. H. Pilcher; Vice President, M. Hickey; Secretary, J. M. Arnold; Treasurer, D. Preston; Directors, L. R. Fiske, J. W. Kermott, J. M. Fuller, J. S. Vernor.

Bishop Ames also nominated the following:

Triers of Appeals, (who were duly confirmed by the Conference)—W. E. Bigelow, O. Whitmore, E. H. Pilcher, O. Sanborn, Wm. J. Campbell, J. F. Davidson, Wm. Taylor.

The resolution, temporarily laid on the table yesterday, asking the Bishop presiding, to reduce the number of districts in this Conference, was taken from the table.

It was moved to amend the resolution so that it should definitely ask for a reduction of the number of districts to six.

E. H. Pilcher moved to amend by inserting a request for an increase of the present eight districts to ten (10). The motion was laid on the table, and the original motion, asking for a reduction to six districts, was carried.

E. H. Pilcher made the following report, which was received, and placed on file:

The committee appointed, at your last session, to consider and decide the matter of locating a State Camp-ground, beg leave to report that they acted in concert with a like committee, from the Michigan Conference—devoted a good deal of time to the examination of different localities—created a corporation under the laws of the State—located at Petoskey, and obtained a deed for a little over three hundred acres of land, and held a Camp-meeting on the grounds, beginning the first day of August, which was as well attended and as profitable as we had any reason to expect. For further information we refer you to the printed circular.

The Conference adjourned, notices were given, and the benediction was pronounced by Wm. Fox.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, Sept 4, 1876.

The Conference assembled at half-past eight o'clock. Bishop Ames in the chair. S. Clements conducted the opening religious services.

The Journal of Saturday's session was read and approved. Wm. Dawe was granted a location.

The vote by which Richard Kerr was made supernumerary, at this session, was reconsidered, and he was granted a location.

Joseph Ashford, Frederick Porter, Albert Sheppard, John Storrer, John Maywood, and Jonathan E. Richards were also granted locations.

Rev. Dr. Hitchcock addressed the Conference concerning the interests of the Book Concern.

Bishop Ames presented the following certificate of ordinations of Deacons and Elders, yesterday :

This certifies that Almon F. Hoyt, James L. Hudson, Frederick Coates, Lewis N. Moon, Joseph F. Berry, Isaac Wilcox, John B. Oliver, Oscar W. Willits, Alfred Harrington, William George, James C. Higgins, and Charles H. Morgan were ordained Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal church, on September 3, 1876, at Detroit, Michigan; and at the same time and place Franklin Bradley, John S. Priestley, William Allington, Nathan N. Clark, Roland Woodhams, Henry W. Thompson, James E. Whalen, Jonathan E. Richards and William Dawe were ordained in the same church by the undersigned,

E. R. AMES.

The motion by which Walter Preston was continued on trial, at this session, was re-considered, and after debate he was again continued on trial.

The committee to nominate committees for the session of 1877, made the following report which was laid over for confirmation, on the first day of the session for 1877.

Public Worship—Presiding Elder of Adrian District and pastor at Adrian.

Education—L. R. Fiske, J. S. Smart, I. N. Elwood.

Ministerial Education—W. X. Ninde, J. Frazer, W. E. Bigelow.

Conference Stewards—L. Barnes, J. M. Gordon, G. W. Lowe.

Missions—Presiding Elders.

Mission Auditors—S. Clements, J. F. Davidson, T. J. Joslin.

Sunday-schools and Tracts—W. J. Campbell, L. C. York, J. S. Joslin.

Church Extension—O. J. Perrin, A. J. Bigelow, S. L. Ramsdell.

Freedmen's Aid—J. Russell, W. Q. Burnett, Duke Whitely, A. F. Hoyt.

Periodicals—J. C. Wortley, William M. Triggs.

Bible Cause—Wm. Donnelly, J. R. Noble, John Hamilton.

Temperance—C. T. Allen, Jesse Kilpatrick, A. B. Clough.

Sanctity of the Sabbath—W. H. Pearce, R. S. Pardington, R. Woodhams.

Statistics—W. H. Benton, A. B. Wood, H. C. Northrup.

Post Offices—C. Simpson.

Parsonages—J. T. Hankinson, S. E. Warren, Wm. Taylor.

Memoirs—J. M. Fuller, E. E. Caster, E. H. Pilcher.

The Committee on the Church at Monroe made a report that a layman had been found who would advance money to save the church from immediate danger.

Thomas J. McMurray, a local preacher, being duly recommended by the Escanaba Quarterly Conference, was elected to Deacon's orders.

The Committee on Education made the following report (*B*) which was adopted :

David Preston, Otis A. Critchett and John C. Clark, who were nominated in the report as trustees of Albion College, were duly elected as such, by ballot.

A resolution relating to the Marquette Church and to certain bonds that church is proposing to issue, was referred to a committee which made a report concerning the church at Monroe, and the said committee was authorized to act after the adjournment of the present Conference session.

The visitors to Albion College made a report which was adopted.

The Committee on Ministerial Education made a report [*C.*] which was adopted.

The Mission Auditors made a report [*D.*] which was adopted, with the understanding that certain missing vouchers shall be furnished by those concerned.

Bishop Ames was requested to appoint J. M. Arnold agent of the Detroit Conference Superannuated Preachers Aid Society.

S. Reed was appointed a committee to act in conjunction with a like committee of the Michigan Conference, to memorialize railway companies on the subject of observance of the Sabbath.

The Committee on Sunday-Schools and Tracts made a report [*E.*] which was adopted.

An afternoon session, to be devoted to services in memory of our brethren who have died during the year, was ordered.

D. C. Jacokes was granted a supernumerary relation.

The Conference adjourned, notices were given and the Benediction was pronounced by F. A. Blades.

FIFTH DAY—AFTERNOON.

MONDAY, Sept. 4th, 1876.

The Conference met at three o'clock, P. M., Samuel Clements in the chair, by appointment from Bishop Ames.

After religious services, the report [*F.*] from the Committee on Memoirs was received. Pending the report, remarks were made concerning our deceased brethren, Bibbins, Shaw, and Cordon, by J. S. Smart, O. J. Perrin, J. S. Sutton, John Russell, M. Hickey, J. O. Bancroft, S. Clements, A. R. Laing, J. C. Wortley and A. J. Bigelow. The report was then adopted. The session was impressive and profitable to a very high degree.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, Sept. 5th, 1876.

The Conference opened at half past eight o'clock, at the close of the morning prayer meeting, Bishop Ames in the Chair.

The Journal was read and approved.

The third question was considered and the characters of James E Jacklin, Alvah G. Blood, and Eugene D. Daniels were examined and passed, and these brethren were continued on trial.

The Committee on Church Extension made a report [*G.*] which was adopted.

The Committee on Periodicals made a report [*H.*] which was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote :

WHEREAS, In the order of the church, the Detroit Conference, at its present session, has been highly favored with the presidency of our beloved and venerable Bishop, Edward R. Ames; therefore,

Resolved, First, that we tender our sincere thanks for the urbanity and surpassing wisdom, with which he has presided over the deliberations of this body and discharged the high functions of his office.

Resolved, Second, that we will ever pray Almighty God to accompany him in his arduous labors, and preserve his valuable life to the church; and should the superintending care of our kind Heavenly Father permit, we will gladly welcome him again, socially and officially, to the Peninsula State.

O. J. PERRIN,
M. HICKEY.

J. S. Smart presented the following which was adopted :

Resolved, That we recommend the claims of the work among seamen to our ministers and people as worthy their sympathy and contributions. We welcome among us and our people such agent as shall be appointed by the Bishop or by the Rev. B. Frankland, of Chicago, the General Superintendent of the Seaman's Friend Society.

The trustees of the Conference Mission Society made a report (*I.*) which was adopted.

With respect to this last report, E. H. Pilcher moved, and the Conference voted a resolution of congratulation in view of the fact that our mission collections show a small increase over last year's report. It was further resolved that we will try to do better next year.

The Committee on Statistics made a report (*J.*) which was adopted :

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, Rev. T. C. Gardner, D. D., in response to the invitation of this Conference, preached a very able Centennial Sermon; and believing that its general circulation will tend to promote the high obligations of citizenship and the welfare of church and State; therefore,

Resolved, That a copy of the same be requested for publication.

O. J. PERRIN,
A. J. BIGELOW.

It was voted that thirty-three dollars, in the hands of the committee on education, be paid to the Albion College Library fund.

The following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, At the time of our next session of our Conference, our Brother, Rev. J. M. Fuller will have been engaged for fifty years in the itinerant ministry: Therefore

Resolved, That we request Brother Fuller to preach a semi-centennial sermon at the next session, at such time as the committee on public worship may designate.

I. N. ELWOOD.
J. S. SMART.

The Committee on Parsonages made a report, [*K*] which was adopted.

The Committee on Sanctity of the Sabbath made a report [*L.*], which was adopted.

The following was adopted.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders of this Conference include in their annual report, a statement of the name and number of the magazines and papers of our publication in circulation on their districts.

J. C. WORTLEY,
J. M. ARNOLD,
THOMAS STALKER.

The Conference Stewards made a report which was adopted.

Eighteen Dollars, surplus, in the hands of the Stewards were voted to be paid to Alfred Allen.

The Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund made a report [*N.*] which was adopted.

The Treasurer of the Conference Church Extension Board made a report (*O.*) which was adopted.

A resolution requesting each pastor to take a collection for the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society was passed by a count vote of twenty-seven (27) to two (2).

J. M. Arnold was appointed treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

The following resolution was adopted by a count vote of sixty-two (62) to fifty-eight (58):

Resolved, That we most respectfully ask the Bishops to so arrange the plan of Episcopal appointments as to bring the session of the Detroit Conference between the middle of September and the first of October.

R. S. PARDINGTON,
S. REED.

The Committee on Temperance made a report (*P.*) which was adopted.

The Committee on Statistics made a report (—) which was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we will ask the Bishop presiding at our next conference, to hold a session of the Conference on Friday afternoon to hear the report of the Committee on Statistics.

The following also was adopted:

Resolved, That we request the Presiding Elders to furnish their preachers with the requisite statistical blanks and envelopes at least three months before Conference.

A. R. LAING,
WM. FOX.

After a recess of twenty minutes the Conference was called to order by Bishop Ames.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That we hereby express our gratitude to the Presiding Elder and Pastors of our churches in this city, and especially to the Pastor of this church for the admirable arrangements made for the accommodation of this Conference.

2. That we appreciate most highly the kind and generous hospitality of the citizens of Detroit who have so cordially welcomed us to their homes, and in every way contributed to our comfort during our session and do hereby tender them our thanks, and shall ever pray for their welfare.

J. S. SMART,
S. CLEMENTS,
J. W. CRIPPEN.
H. W. HICKS,
J. O. BANCROFT.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body, be tendered to the Detroit & Milwaukee, to the Detroit, Lansing & Lake Michigan, and to the Grand Trunk railroads, for courtesies in the matter of reduced fares granted us in attending this session.

2. That Rev D. B. Tracy be requested to make arrangements with railroads for reduced fares for attendance on our session in 1877.

L. R. FISKE.

The committee on the Bible cause made a report [*Q.*] which was adopted.

The committee on the Freedmen's cause made a report [*R.*] which was adopted.

T. C. Gardner was granted a supernumerary relation.

The appointments for the next year were read. The doxology was sung, and the twenty-first session of the Detroit Annual Conference adjourned at half-past twelve o'clock, meridian, with the benediction by Bishop Ames.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1. *Have any entered this Conference by transfer or re-admission?*

ANSWER.—*By re-admission:* Henry S. White by certificate of location, granted by Wisconsin Conference, Oct. 12, 1874.

QUESTION 2. *Who are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION 3. *Who remain on trial?*

ANSWER.—Dewitt C. Challis, Walter Preston, John Sweet, James E. Jacklin, Alvah G. Blood, Eugene D. Daniels—6.

QUESTION 4. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

ANSWER.—Edwin Dawe, Almon F. Hoyt, James L. Hudson, Nelson G. Lyons, Frederick Coates, Lewis N. Moon, Daniel W. Giberson, James E. Diverty, Joseph F. Berry, Isaac Wilcox, John J. Hodge, Henry Nankervis, Henry T. Evans—13.

QUESTION 5. *Who are the Deacons of the First Class?*

ANSWER.—Edwin Dawe, Almon F. Hoyt, James L. Hudson, Nelson G. Lyons, Frederick Coates, Lewis N. Moon, Daniel W. Giberson, James E. Diverty, Joseph F. Berry, Isaac Wilcox, John J. Hodge, Henry Nankervis, John W. Campbell, Lewis P. Davis—14.

QUESTION 6. *Who are the Deacons of the Second Class?*

ANSWER.—Richard Hudson, Edwin P. Pearce, Charles R. Kellerman, Henry C. Northrup, William H. Osborne, Frederick Strong, William Dawe, Edwin Craven, John S. Paull—9.

QUESTION 7. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*

ANSWER.—Franklin Bradley, John S. Priestly, William Allington, Nathan N. Clark, Roland Woodhams, Henry W. Thompson, James E. Whalen, Jonathan E. Richards, William Dawe—9.

QUESTION 8. *Who are the supernumerary preachers?*

ANSWER.—Richard Copp, Daniel C. Jacokes, Thomas C. Gardner—3.

QUESTION 9. *Who are the superannuated preachers?*

ANSWER.—Abel W. Harding, I. H. Camburn, Eli Westlake, Peter L. Sparrow, Curtis Mosher, Samuel Bessey, Joseph B. Varnum, Thomas Seeley, Marcenias B. Wilsey, Jacob E. Parker, Lyman H. Dean, Wm. Mahon, Lewis Mitchell, Robert Triggs, Andrew Bell, John Gray, Elias B. Prindle, John Pugh, Samuel Bibbins, Francis A. Blades, Peter O. Johnson, Manasseh Hickey, Jacob Dobbins, Ira W. Donelson, Thomas Wakelin, Ebenezer Steele, George Wilson, Sylvester Calkins, Erastus R. Hascall, Rufus C. Crane, George Taylor, Erastus Klumph, Wm. Benson, Ephraim Van Norman, Hiram Hood, D. Burnham Tracy, David A. Curtis, Wm. P. Maywood, R. McConnell, Luther Lee—40.

QUESTION 10. *Was the character of each preacher examined?*

ANSWER.—The names of the preachers were all called in open session, and their characters examined as the Discipline requires, and as the Journal of the session shows.

QUESTION 11. *Have any located?*

ANSWER.—Henry T. Evans, Richard Kerr, Joseph Ashford, Frederick Porter, Albert Sheppard, John Storrer, John Maywood, Jonathan E. Richards—8.

QUESTION 12. *Have any withdrawn?*

ANSWER.—Franklin W. May.

QUESTION 13. *Have any transferred, and to what Conference.*

ANSWER.—John McEldowney, to Rocky Mountain Conference.

QUESTION 14. *Have any been expelled?*

ANSWER.—No.

QUESTION 15. *Have any died?*

ANSWER.—Addison C. Shaw, Elisha Bibbins, James R. Cordon—3.

QUESTION 16. *What is the statistical report?*

ANSWER.—See report of committee [] in statistical tables.

QUESTION 17. *What are the claims upon the Conference fund?*

ANSWER.—

Amount necessary for Superannuated Preachers.....	\$5,800 00
Amount necessary for widows and orphans.....	2,300 00
Deficiencies in preachers' salaries	12,589 45
Total.....	\$20,689 45

QUESTION 18. (1) *What has been received on the foregoing claims, and (2) how has the money been applied ?*

ANSWER.—(1)

From circuits and stations.....	\$1,110 36
From Conference collection.....	59 10
From Chartered Fund.....	30 00
Total.....	\$1,199 46

(2) The sums have been applied as follows:

Samuel Bessey.....	\$29 60	Hiram Hood.....	14 80
Joseph B. Varnum.....	29 60	D. A. Curtis.....	29 60
Thomas Seeley.....	29 60	W. P. Maywood.....	29 60
Addison C. Shaw.....	29 60	T. C. Higgins.....	29 60
M. B. Wilsey.....	14 80	Luther Lee.....	59 86
William Mahon.....	44 40	Mrs. Elisha Bibbins.....	29 60
Lewis Mitchel.....	44 40	Mrs. Todd.....	29 60
Robert Triggs.....	29 60	Mrs. Belknap.....	29 60
John Gray.....	44 40	Mrs. Hevener.....	14 80
E. B. Prindle.....	29 60	Mrs. Smith.....	14 80
John Pugh.....	59 20	Mrs. Watkins.....	14 80
Thomas Wakelin.....	29 60	Mrs. Dubois.....	29 60
Samuel Bibbins.....	14 80	Mrs. Cockrane.....	59 20
Jacob Dobbins.....	29 60	Mrs. Littlefield.....	29 60
Ebenezer Steele.....	44 40	Mrs. Blanchard.....	14 80
George Wilson.....	29 60	Mrs. Shank.....	29 60
R. C. Crane.....	44 40	Mrs. Richards.....	29 60
Erastus Klumph.....	59 20	Mrs. Cordon.....	14 80
Ephraim Van Norman.....	59 20		
Total.....			\$1,199 46
Alfred Allen.....			18 25
			\$1,217 71

QUESTION 19. *Have any Local Preachers been ordained ?*

ANSWER.—Deacons, John B. Oliver, Oscar W. Willits, Alfred Harrington, William George, James C. Higgins, Charles H. Morgan, Thomas J. McMurray.

QUESTION 20. *Are any of our Literary or Theological institutions under the control of the Conference, and what is their condition?*

ANSWER.—See reports on "Education," and "Ministerial Education."

QUESTION 21. *Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?*

ANSWER.—See list of Conference Societies.

QUESTION 22. *Where are the preachers stationed this year ?*

ANSWER.—The following are the

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1876-7.

DETROIT DISTRICT.—J. M. Fuller, P. E.

Detroit—

Central Church, W. X. Ninde.	Southfield, J. G. Morgan.
Tabernacle, L. R. Fiske.	Birmingham, H. O. Parker.
Simpson, Wm. W. Washburne.	Royal Oak & Warren, G. W. Owen.
Jefferson Ave., E. H. Pilcher.	New Boston, J. H. Morton.
Sixteenth st., J. Russell.	Belleville, W. J. Clack.
Fort st., R. S. Pardington.	Leesville & Norris, H. N. Brown.
Wyandotte, E. Barry.	Ypsilanti, O. J. Perrin.
Trenton, J. H. Kilpatrick.	Salem, A. W. Wilson.
Flat Rock, A. Gee.	South Lyon, F. Bradley.
Denton and Sheldons, L. C. York.	Brighton, A. F. Hoyt.
Wayne W. J. Campbell.	Howell, J. Kilpatrick.
Dearborn, J. M. Truscott.	Fowlerville, F. W. Warren.
Plymouth, L. P. Davis.	Iosco, L. L. Houghton.
Northville, Samuel Clements.	Leroy, J. H. Caster.
Walled Lake, N. Newton.	Williamston, N. W. Pierce.
Commerce, J. W. Crippen.	Dansville, C. W. Austin.
Farmington, S. E. Warren.	Unadilla, B. F. Pritchard.
	Pinckney, W. Hagadorne.

Arthur Edwards, Editor N. W. *Christian Advocate*, member Central Church Quarterly Conference.

J. M. Arnold, Agent Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society, member Simpson Quarterly Conference.

J. B. Atchinson, Sunday-school Agent, member Central Church Quarterly Conference.

Leander W. Pilcher and Geo. R. Davis missionaries to North China.

ADRIAN DISTRICT—S. REED, P. E.

Adrian, W. H. Shier.	Blissfield, S. P. Murch.
Tecumseh, W. Q. Burnett.	Palmyra, to be supplied by Henry
Clinton & Macon, L. J. Hudson.	W. Wright.
Manchester, Geo. H. Field.	Morenci, J. M. Gordon.
Napoleon & Brooklyn, T. Nichols.	Hudson, J. Frazer.
Sharon, S. B. Kimmell.	Franklin, W. M. Triggs.
Deerfield & Petersburg, A. R.	Ridgeway, E. W. Frazee.
Hazen.	Clayton, J. M. Van Every.
Lambertville, J. S. Paull.	Fairfield, J. S. Priestley.

Ann Arbor, Russell B. Pope.	Henrietta, H. Palmer.
Augusta, J. B. Russell.	Milan & Oakville, E. P. Pearce.
Chelsea, D. R. Shier.	Addison, W. E. Dunning.
Carlton & Scofield, S. J. Brown.	Lima & Northlake, J. E. Diverty.
Dexter, J. C. Wortley.	Saline, O. Whitmore.
Dixboro', J. S. Sutton.	Monroe, D. Casler.
Grass Lake, J. A. McIlwain.	Medina, Isaac Wilcox.
	Waterloo, D. J. Odell.

Dewitt C. Challis, missionary to Bulgaria.

B. F. Cocker, Professor in the Michigan University, member Ann Arbor Quarterly Conference.

FLINT DISTRICT—A. F. BOURNS, P. E.

Flint—	Hartland, H. Hodskiss.
Court St., W. H. Pearce.	Parshallville, Wm. Birdsall.
Garland St., Geo. W. Lowe.	Byron, L. S. Tedman.
Otisville, S. L. Ramsdell.	Oak Grove, to be supplied.
Mt. Morris, J. B. Goss.	Perry, W. M. Campbell.
Clio & Birch Run, to be supplied.	Conway, Edwin Dawe.
Flushing, F. E. York.	Milford, T. J. Joslin.
Hazleton, to be supplied.	Pontiac, C. T. Allen.
Forest, to be supplied.	Troy, Wm. Tuttle.
Swartz Creek, Geo. Stowe.	Utica, R. Gage.
Grand Blanc, John Hamilton.	Rochester, to be supplied.
Davisburgh, R. C. Lanning.	Orion, D. Whiteley.
Holly, W. C. Way.	Clarkston, J. S. Joslin.
Fenton, T. G. Potter.	Oxford, J. F. Davidson.
Linden, O. Sanborn.	Brandon, B. H. Hedger.
Gaines, E. H. Brockway.	Goodrich, N. G. Lyons.
Vernon, J. G. Whitcomb.	Hadley, J. Wesley, D. W. Gibson.
Woodhull, A. G. Blood.	Lapeer, W. E. Bigelow.
Highland, F. E. Pearce.	
Davidson, James Balls.	

SAGINAW DISTRICT—A. R. BARTLETT, P. E.

East Saginaw—	Ames Church, J. E. Jacklin.
Jefferson St., E. E. Caster.	Bay City—
Hess St., T. H. Baskerville.	Washington St., J. Venning.
Saginaw City—	Wenona, D. W. Misener.
Fremont Ave., J. S. Smart.	Woodside Ave., A. B. Clough.
Washington Ave., T. Stalker.	Midland City, J. H. Curnalia.

Saganing and Flint River Indian Mission, I. Greensky.	Cass City and Ellington, J. A. Dunlap.
Standish and Pine River, to be supplied.	Unionville, W. H. Osborne, Reese and Denmark, J. E. Withey.
Tittabawassee, E. Foster.	Caseville and Wild Fowl, to be supplied.
St. Charles, F. Strong.	Ingersoll, O. B. Hale.
Chesaning, J. H. McIntosh.	Hope and Lincoln, to be supplied.
Mungerville, A. Allen.	Tawas, Wm. Donnelly.
Vassar, R. Woodhams.	Oscoda, J. T. Hankinson.
Mayville and Watertown, P. J. Wright.	Harrisville, N.N. Clark.
Kawkawlin and Pinconning, to be supplied.	Alpena, H. C. Northrup.
Millington, R. L. Cope.	Owosso, C. R. Kellerman.
Watrous ville, J. O. Bancroft.	Corunna, H. W. Hicks.
Dayton and Newberry, to be supplied.	Bennington, A. R. Laing.
Caro, J. W. Campbell.	Laingsburgh, G. M. Lyon.
	Tuscola, L. N. Moon.

PORT HURON DISTRICT—Wm. Fox, P. E.

Port Huron, I. N. Elwood.	Minden, supplied by A. J. Holmes.
Gratiot, J. F. Berry.	Port Hope, S. P. Lee.
Marysville, T. C. Higgins.	Capac, to be supplied by D. Mc-Fawn.
St. Clair, J. Kelly.	Deckerville, Wm. Allington.
Marine City, A. B. Wood.	Speaker, W. Preston.
Chesterfield, G. Nixon.	Port Austin, to be supplied by Wm. George.
Algonac, Wm. Taylor.	Mt. Clemens, C. Gibbs.
Memphis, L. J. Whitcomb.	New Haven, F. Coates.
Richmond, E. Craven.	Armada, Richard Hudson.
Adair, H. H. Smith.	Romeo, A. J. Bigelow.
Brockway, M. J. Scott.	Washington, C. Simpson.
Ruby, J. L. Walker.	Almont, E. D. Daniels.
Lakeport, to be supplied by J. B. Oliver.	Dryden, D. W. Hammond.
Lexington, L. Barnes.	Attica, C. M. Anderson.
Davisville, J. W. Holt.	North Branch, S. Bird.
Port Sanilac, E. E. Pearman.	Marlette, H. Nankervis.
Forester, W. H. Benton.	Goodland, A. Whitcomb.
White Rock, to be supplied by L. E. Lennox.	Mt. Vernon, J. R. Noble.

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT—A. J. RICHARDS, P. E.

Marquette, H. S. White.	Republic & Michigami, J. J. Hodge.
Negaunee, J. M. Johnson.	Escanaba, N. Green.
Ishpeming, T. Wilkinson.	Kewawenon Indian Mission, P.
Atlantic Mine, T. G. Omans.	Marksman.
Rockland & Maple Grove, E. Steer.	Houghton, J. Sweet.
Calumet, J. Horton.	Fayette, to be supplied.
Lake Linden & Allouez, J. G.	Menominee, J. E. Whalen.
Sparling.	Iroquois Indian Mission & Sault
Phoenix & Clifton, A. S. Fair.	Ste. Marie, C. L. Church.
Central, & Copper Falls, I. John- son.	Isle Royal, to be supplied. Hancock, D. B. Millar.
L'Anse, H. W. Thompson.	

John McEldowney transferred to the Rocky Mountain Conference and stationed at First Church, Salt Lake City, Utah.

QUESTION 23. *Where and when shall the next Conference be held?*

ANSWER—At Adrian, Mich., at a time to be fixed by the Bishops at their annual meeting in November, 1876.

In Memoriam,

DETROIT CONFERENCE MEMBERS DECEASED.

NAME.	Age.	DIED.		ADMITTED.	
		Place.	Date.	Conference.	Year.
James V. Watson.....	42	Chicago	Oct. 17, 1856	Missouri.....	1832
Wellington H. Collins..	42	Detroit.....	Aug. 11, 1858	Michigan	1837
Robert Dubois.....	39	Ann Arbor....	Feb. 28, 1860	Michigan.....	1844
William Mothersill.....	48	Holly.....	Nov. 8, 1852	Michigan	1840
Jonathan Blanchard....	47	Ann Arbor....	Mar. 22, 1864	Michigan	1838
Francis L. West.....	25	Chattanooga..	Jan. 5, 1865	Detroit.....	1861
Giles N. Belknap.....	55	Napoleon.....	Apr. 13, 1866	Michigan	1848
Aaron Watkins.....	29	Albany, N. Y..	Mar. 19, 1867	Detroit.....	1863
Joseph Shank.....	49	Fentonville..	Sept. 30, 1867	Oneida.....	1841
Isaac C. Cochrane.....	46	Utica.....	Oct. 25, 1867	Detroit.....	1861
William H. Hevener....	61	Owosso.....	Oct., 1867	Michigan.....	1854
John A. Baughman.....	65	Detroit.....	Mar. 1, 1863	Ohio	1823
George Smith.....	59	Ann Arbor....	May 4, 1868	Ohio	1833
William Todd.....	78	Erie, Pa.....	May 15, 1869	New York.....	1823
James F. Dorey.....	32	Manchester...	Aug. 2, 1869	Detroit.....	1862
Ransom R. Richards....	60	Hudson	July 13, 1872	Michigan.....	1837
Solomon S. Littlefield..	43	Detroit.....	Dec. 3, 1872	Michigan.....	1854
Elisha Bibbins.....	53	Detroit.....	Nov. 22, 1875	Wesleyan.....	1841
Addison C. Shaw.....	62	Ypsilanti	Dec. 21, 1875	Michigan	1846
James R. Cordon.....	41	Clarkston.....	Apr. 18, 1876	Detroit.....	1860

A TRIBUTE TO J. R. CORDON FROM HIS CLASSMATES.

A minute adopted by the Conference Class of 1858, relative to the death of Rev. James R. Cordon.

To us, the undersigned, Bro. Cordon sustained a peculiarly endearing relation. In common with the other members of our Conference, we mourn for him as a worthy man, minister, pastor, and Sabbath-school laborer; but he was our friend and brother in a particular sense. Together we knocked for admission at the door of the Detroit Annual Conference, which met in Ypsilanti in 1858. During the ensuing four years we pursued the same studies, and sat side by side annually in the recitation room. In 1860, at Dexter, we stood together, listening to the solemn words of the venerable Bishop, Morris, on the occasion of our reception into full connection in the Conference, and at the same time and place, holy hands were laid on each of us, consecrating us to the work of Deacons in the church of God. Together we were ordained Elders by Bishop Scott, at the Conference which met at Ann Arbor, in 1862. Our parchments bear the same signatures. These circumstances have bound us together with bonds of unusual ministerial sympathy, and Christian love, and it seems eminently fitting that in addition to the general memoir ordered by the Conference we give a class testimonial of his worth, and our respect for him; Therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That we bow in humble submission to that inscrutable Providence which in the removal of Bro. Cordon to "the better land," has made the first inroad into our Conference Class.

Resolved, 2d, That we will ever remember him as a diligent student, a true gentleman, a faithful Christian, a successful minister, a beloved pastor, a zealous Sabbath-school laborer, an enduring friend, an affectionate husband, and a kind father.

Resolved, 3d, That we will ever strive to carefully imitate his virtues, prayerfully trust in his Saviour, and hopefully look forward to a day of reunion with him in the home of the blessed.

Signed,

D. W. HAMMOND,
R. S. PARDINGTON,
G. W. LOWE,
ARTHUR EDWARDS,
GEO. W. OWEN,
WM. M. TRIGGS.

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 Book, Mission, S. S. and Tract Rooms, No. 57 Washington St., Chicago.
 Book, Mission, S. S. and Tract Rooms, 190 West Fourth St., Cincinnati.
 Book, Mission, S. S. and Tract Rooms, 913 North Sixth St., St. Louis, Mo.
 Book, Mission, S. S. and Tract Rooms, 189 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich.
 Church Extension Headquarters, 1020 Arch St., Philadelphia.
 Freedmen's Aid Headquarters, 190 West Fourth St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

OUR TWENTY-ONE SESSIONS.

No.	DATE.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1....	September 17, 1856.....	Adrian.....	Morris.....	S. Reed.
2....	September 2, 1857.....	Port Huron.....	Wagh.....	S. Reed.
3....	September 8, 1858.....	Ypsilanti.....	Baker.....	S. Reed.
4....	September 23, 1859.....	Pontiac.....	Janes.....	S. Reed.
5....	September 26, 1860.....	Dexter.....	Morris.....	S. Clements.
6....	September 25, 1861.....	Detroit.....	Ames.....	S. Clements.
7....	September 24, 1862.....	Ann Arbor.....	Scott.....	S. Clements.
8....	September 16, 1863.....	Romeo.....	Simpson.....	S. Clements.
9....	September 14, 1864.....	Adrian.....	Baker.....	W. H. Perrine.
10....	September 13, 1865.....	Flint.....	Clark.....	W. H. Perrine.
11....	September 5, 1866.....	Hudson.....	Ames.....	E. H. Pilcher.
12....	September 4, 1867.....	Saginaw City.....	Janes.....	E. H. Pilcher.
13....	August 26, 1868.....	Ann Arbor.....	Ames.....	C. C. Yemans.
14....	September 1, 1869.....	Detroit.....	Scott.....	A. Edwards.
15....	August 24, 1870.....	Fenton.....	Clark.....	A. Edwards.
16....	September 13, 1871.....	Monroe.....	Simpson.....	A. Edwards.
17....	September 4, 1872.....	East Saginaw.....	Ames.....	A. Edwards.
18....	September 3, 1873.....	Ypsilanti.....	Wiley.....	A. Edwards.
19....	September 2, 1874.....	Romeo.....	Simpson.....	A. Edwards.
20....	September 1, 1875.....	Flint.....	Harris.....	A. Edwards.
21....	August 30, 1876.....	Detroit.....	Ames.....	A. Edwards.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

[A.]

ON MISSIONS.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1876-7.

FLINT DISTRICT.—Owosso.....	\$ 100
SAGINAW DISTRICT—Ames' Church.....	200
Woodside Avenue.....	50
Kawkawling.....	50
Pine River.....	50
Hope and Lincoln.....	50
St. Charles.....	100
Dayton.....	50
Mayville.....	50
ROMEO DISTRICT—Woodland.....	100
Almont.....	75
PORT HURON DISTRICT.—Speaker.....	100
Deckerville.....	100
White Rock.....	100
Minden.....	100
LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT.—.....	300
Menominee.....	100
Escanaba.....	50
Sault Ste. Marie.....	100
L'Anse.....	150
Rockland.....	25
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	\$2000

INDIAN MISSIONS.

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT.—Iroquois.....	\$200
Superintendent.....	400
SAGINAW DISTRICT.—Saganing and Flint River.....	300
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	\$900

E. H. PILCHER, Chairman.

[B.]

EDUCATION.

There is no subject that comes before the Annual Conference of more importance for our consideration, aside from the positive, practical, spiritual interests of the church, than the cause of education. No other subject is so interwoven with the weal of the people, the progress of the nation, or the success of the church. Christianity depends largely for its success upon the intelligence of the people. It courts and demands investigation, and in itself is calculated to arouse and bring into activity all the forces of the intellect, as well as to stir and thrill the heart to its profoundest depths. Christianity and education go hand in hand, and you cannot divorce them. And it is a source of gratitude that our school system has attained such a high degree of perfection, and so thoroughly accommodates itself to the wants of the people. The district school dots the land at every point. Every town and city has its union school, affording ample opportunity for each and every one to acquire at least a good English education, sufficient to fit them for the ordinary walks of life; and to the few who wish to secure a broader culture, or to pursue special lines of thought, the State university throws open its doors, and affords the needed facilities and the needed helps. We can but look with pride and admiration upon the university with its varied courses of study, with its large and cultured faculty, its magnificent endowments, with its beautiful grounds, and commodious buildings. And the question naturally comes to us and to our people, if our system of education is so perfect and ample, meeting all the wants of every class of mind, and every grade of scholarship, where is the need of denominational schools, and why should the people be taxed to support them out of their private means? Why not let the State do all the educating, and the church attend to the practical and spiritual parts of religion. 1st, We answer: because denominational schools and colleges serve as checks on the strong tendency there is on the part of State colleges and universities to become purely secular and even godless in their character, and, we are sorry to say, of late, strong influences are at work which tend to drive, not denominationalism, but Christianity itself from our own State University, and, that even the halls of the university have been used for dancing purposes. Now against all this we enter our most emphatic protest, and believe that denominational schools that are controlled by more positive religious influences are essential to conserve the interests of a Christian education, and lift our civilization up to a higher moral plane.

2d, Denominational schools are essential because many desire to pursue courses of study that pertain especially to their own church

work, which a State university cannot afford. And to meet our own merits and necessities, we have Albion College. In the first place we present its financial interests.

I.—INCOME FOR 1875-6.

1. College income from incidentals, rents and fees etc.....	\$3,996 29
2. Interest from Endowment Fund Committee.....	9,794 96
3. Interest from Albion Local Board of Control.....	1,555 44
4. Interest from Detroit Conference Centenary Notes.....	172 21
5. Interest from Michigan Conference Centenary Notes.....	150 00
6. Michigan Conference for library.....	82 13
7. Miscellaneous, old assets.....	192 54
	<hr/> \$15,942 97

II.—EXPENSES FOR 1875-6.

1. Janitors, bell-ringing, postage, etc.....	\$1,003 57
2. Repairs and improvements.....	305 85
3. Wood, oil, etc.....	825 68
4. Interest on funded and floating debt.....	2,255 75
5. Laboratory.....	83 09
6. Reading room and library.....	181 21
7. Teaching.....	12,246 67
8. Music (returned in college income).....	167 14
9. Insurance.....	250 00
Total Expenses.....	<hr/> \$17,318 96
Excess of Current Expenses over income.....	<hr/> \$1,375 99

III.—ENDOWMENT FUND.

1. In hands of Endowment Fund Committee—	
(a) Bonds and mortgages.....	\$131,004 00
(b) Notes.....	12,550 00
2. Albion Local Board of Control.....	25,000 00
	<hr/> \$168,554 00
3. Detroit Conference Centenary Notes.....	3,133 07
4. Michigan Conference Centenary Notes.....	16,727 23
	<hr/> \$19,860 30
Total Endowment.....	<hr/> \$188,414 30

Besides this there are in the hands of the Treasurer, old notes and assets to the amount of \$4,035.98.

IV.—INDEBTEDNESS.

1. Funded debt.....	\$12,000 00
2. Bills payable.....	5,000 00
3. Outstanding warrants.....	2 200 00
Total indebtedness.....	<hr/> \$19,200 00

A sinking fund has been created of twelve hundred dollars per annum, by which means it is expected that the funded debt will be cancelled in a few years; but the floating debt remains against the college without any visible means of payment, and the trustees must provide for it as best they can.

With this debt against the college, and the expenses largely exceeding the income, the trustees felt compelled to reduce the current expenses and to cut down the salary of every member of the faculty, amounting in the aggregate to over two thousand dollars. This was a painful task, as the salaries were already small, but under the circumstances it seemed to be the only way out of the difficulty. The college may be run for a time under such financial pressure, but it is hoped that in the near future, its income may be largely increased. Two things are essential to the success of a college, money, and brains. We put money first because you cannot command brain power unless you pay for it, and it does seem as though there was wealth enough in Michigan Methodism to make Albion College a grand success. She already has an able and efficient faculty, her examinations at the last Commencement were creditable both to professors and students, and her ten graduates acquitted themselves with honor; and we hope a prosperous future lies before the college. During the year the college has lost one of its best friends in the death of the Hon. Henry Fish, who for a number of years had been one of the most efficient members of the Board of Trustees, whose counsels were always wise and safe, and whose noble and generous heart was bound up with the best interests of the college.

Three vacancies occur in the Board of Trustees to be filled by this Conference, two by the expiration of time, viz., David Preston and Otis A. Critchett, both of whom we would recommend for re-election, and in the place of Henry Fish, deceased, we would recommend the name of John C. Clark.

We would also recommend for visitors, J. C. Wortley, James E. Jacklin and Miss Sallie Rulison.

A. J. BIGELOW,
Chairman.

[C.]

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Knowledge to be imparted must first be possessed. A minister cannot instruct the people unless more learned than his auditors. There is a universal recognition of the fact that to fill any of the professions well, special mental training is required. The principle underlying this fact is no less evident in the ministry than in any other department of professional life. To intellectually meet the demands made upon him, who engages in the work of preaching the gospel, much time must be given to study. Spiritual food is truth

seasoned with grace. Intuitive knowledge is limited in amount, what we know we must gain by mental application.

The purpose of study is two-fold, the acquisition of knowledge and the discipline of the intellect. In symmetrical education these are carried forward co-ordinately and equally. They constitute the end sought in scholastic preparation for the ministry. We are gratified that the importance of this preparation is becoming more fully appreciated among us. A college course, or that which is equivalent thereto, we would recommend every young man to pursue, if possible, before entering the ranks of the itinerancy. Vantage ground is thus gained which will never be lost. All our congregations contain men and women of culture. This is not religion, but if offended, the heart will be closed, often, against the gospel. The intellectual mastery of the pulpit puts truth in the way of achieving its greatest success. The revelations of the Bible are a constant quantity, but the ability to present the same is variable, depending on natural talent and acquired fitness. We believe that God expects us to develop our mental powers up to the highest point of effectiveness in wielding gospel truth, and at the same time to lay under tribute all available knowledge. There is much in history, science, literature, and even the arts which can and ought to be pressed into the service of the pulpit for the presentation of divine thought.

Theological seminaries are coming into prominence in the church, and if wisely managed they must be of great service. The legal and medical professions have their schools of preparation, and the public school system is not considered complete in its machinery without provision for normal instruction, and it would be folly to maintain that the ministry is either of too great or little value to need appliances for the accomplishment of a similar work.

We are pleased to learn of the general prosperity of our Theological Seminaries, but are pained by the information that comes to us that some of them are embarrassed in their work through the financial derangement now afflicting the business world. These institutions are worthy of aid from those who love the cause of Christ and are able to lay monied offerings on the altar.

We express our unabated confidence in the Garrett Biblical Institute as an agency for the preparation of young men for the ministry, and advise a more liberal patronage of the same. We recommend as visitors to the same Rev. O. J. Perrin and Richard Hudson.

L. R. FISKE, Chairman.

[D.]

MISSION AUDITORS.

The appropriation of monies for the support of missions within this Conference, last year was as follows:

FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS:—	\$2,250
To Romeo District.....	\$416
To Saginaw District.....	540
To Port Huron District.....	444
To Lake Superior District.....	850
	—\$2,250
FOR INDIAN MISSIONS:—	\$900
To Iroquois.....	\$200
To Kewawenon.....	200
To Superintendent.....	200
To Saganing and Flint River Missions.....	300
	—\$900

We have examined the vouchers of the several Presiding Elders and Superintendents who have had charge of this money, and find it has been properly used, according to the order of the Conference.

No vouchers have been furnished us for the amount appropriated to the Dayton and Newberry charge, on the Saginaw District, and vouchers for but \$150 appropriated to Kewawenon Indian Mission, leaving \$50 not properly accounted for.

S. CLEMENTS,
T. J. JOSLIN.

DETROIT, September 4, 1876.

[E.]

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACT CAUSE.

Your Committee observe with gratitude that the Sunday School arm of the Church is becoming more and more powerful as an agency for good in the church and in the world. Through its instrumentality a deeper interest has been awakened in Bible study; the sacred word is becoming better known to the great masses; churches of different denominations are being drawn into closer fraternal relations, and the laity of the church find in it an ample field in which to employ their talents and serve their Master. We are glad to believe that much of the success that has attended the revival efforts of the past year is due largely to the fervent prayers and efficient labors of Sun-

day School workers incited thereto by a better understanding of the Christian's duty, made known to them by an earnest study of the WORD. This, with that other grand and glorious fact contained in the General Secretary's report to the General Conference, namely: that more than 300,000 of the great Sunday School army have enrolled their names on the records of the church, as its members during the last quadrennium, proves the Sunday School to be a most potent instrumentality in soul-saving and seems to say to every follower of Christ: "Here is a ready field. Go work to-day."

The Sunday School is pre-eminently a school for Bible study to be engaged in, alike by old and young, and hence it demands and ought to receive the willing support of the entire church—her *prayers*, her *presence* and her *purse*.

We look upon the Sunday School, *not* as a distinct body, independent of the church, but the church putting Christian effort in a special direction; it should therefore be subject to the direction of the officers of the church, these being *ex-officio* the head of the Sunday School.

We rejoice to know that the Sunday School is receiving constantly increased attention from the eminent men and women of the church, who are giving to this important department of church work their best talents and their most ardent sympathies, to the end that it may accomplish more good.

We have more faith than ever in the desirability, efficiency and usefulness of the International system of lessons, and earnestly urge all our Sunday Schools to adopt the helps on these lessons furnished by our own church in the *Sunday School Journal*, *Berean Leaves*, or question book and other aids.

We would earnestly recommend, wherever practicable, the formation of Normal Classes in connection with the school, and suggest as the best course of study, that already prepared by the committee mentioned by Dr. Vincent, and known as the "Chautauqua Normal Class Course of Training," with the lesson series to be prepared by our General Secretary.

We would recommend that more attention be given to institute work within each district, believing that annual or semi-annual gatherings of this kind are conducive of great good to the church.

Believing that we need more and better trained teachers in all our schools, and that large gatherings for teacher training will help to increase the number and efficiency of our teachers, we recommend the appointment of I. N. Elwood, W. W. Washburn and J. B. Atchinson as a committee, who with a like committee from the Michigan Conference shall inquire into the practicability, and should they deem it expedient, provide for, the holding of a State Sunday School en-

campment, at a suitable time and place during the ensuing Conference year, said convocation to be devoted to Normal Class Work and Teacher Training.

We have welcomed to our Conference with unfeigned pleasure Dr. J. H. Vincent, Corresponding Agent of the Sunday School Union and Tract Cause, and have listened with delight and profit to his three admirable addresses, and fervently pray that they may serve to awaken new zeal and interest in all our ministers and people in the causes he represents. We hope to greet him among us often hereafter.

We desire to call attention to the *Sunday School Advocate* and *Picture Lesson Paper* as papers which ought to circulate widely in every school and be found in all our families. We also make special mention of *The Sunday Guest*—our new State Sunday School paper published by J. M. Arnold & Co., and edited by our Conference Sunday School Agent, assisted by Mr. H. Hitchcock, as a periodical unsurpassed in matter and attractiveness by any of its class, whose circulation already is well up among the thousands, and one well worthy the patronage and support of all our schools and churches.

We heartily endorse the labors of our Conference Sunday School Agent, Rev. J. B. Atchinson, and in view of his very earnest and successful work during the past year, having attended and participated in 229 distinct services in connection with Sunday School work, we very earnestly recommend his continuance in his present relation to the Conference.

We urge upon each member of the Conference in charge not to neglect the cause of tracts but show his loyalty to the church, and his desire to promote her interests by taking up a collection during the year for this worthy cause and avail himself of all the benefits granted by the Society, and scatter these "Leaves of Truth" everywhere among the people, with an earnest prayer that God may bless them to the salvation of lost souls.

J. B. ATCHINSON, Chairman.

[F.]

MEMOIRS.

The Pale Horse and his rider has passed through our ranks, and they are broken, and several of our number were smitten by his breath and have disappeared from our moral battle-field.

Rev. ELISHA BIBBINS was born in Warsaw, N. Y., June 9, 1823. He united with the Wesleyan Methodists, and was licensed to preach in

1845, and entered at once upon the earnest work of the ministry. After laboring with the Wesleyans with marked success for twenty-two years, in 1867, with several of his brethren, he was received into the Detroit Conference of the M. E. Church, in which he continued his successful labors until the session of the Conference in 1875, when failing health compelled him to take a superannuated relation. But it soon appeared that his work was finished and he died on the 22d of November but little over two months after the Conference granted him a superannuated relation. Brother Bibbins was a good man, a devoted Christian, and a successful minister. We cannot claim for our departed brother, that he was what the world calls a brilliant preacher, but with a fair preaching talent, deep devotion to his work, an earnest manner and overflowing sympathy, he often appeared mighty in word and deed, and, under God, achieved glorious results in the conversion of souls. But he is now numbered with the blessed, and in the death of such a man, earth loses, however much heaven gains.

Rev. JAMES R. CORDON was born in England, March 7, 1835. He was converted in Detroit in 1858, and was received into the Detroit Conference on trial, the same year, in which he labored for eighteen years with general acceptability and usefulness. His last charge was Clarkston, where he died, April 18, 1876, having just entered upon his forty-second year. Brother Cordon was regarded, wherever he labored, as a devoted, earnest and successful minister and pastor. Many will remember Brother Cordon's labors, especially his labors in the Sunday-school, and as pastor, he will be gratefully remembered by many; and, no doubt, many more, the fruit of his labor, who went before were ready to welcome him with a song, upon his arrival on the other shore. When engaged in the Christian Commission, Brother Cordon was sick nigh unto death. (Under date of October 28, 1864, he says in his record of the hour, "I thought I was dying, but O, everything is so peaceful! Heaven in view, I expect soon to be there! A clear sky—no doubt. But my family: my dear wife, child and mother. I thought what a blow! Yet I wanted to die and dwell with Jesus.")†

"The righteous shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

Rev. ADDISON C. SHAW was converted when fourteen years old, and joined the Methodist Episcopal church. He was licensed as a Local Preacher when he was twenty-four years old, in which capacity he labored seven years; when he was received into the Michigan Conference on trial in 1844, and was received into full connection in 1846. He became a member of the Detroit Conference by the division, in 1856. Brother Shaw was an earnest and faithful minister, and labor-

† The above was handed me by the widow just as I was ready to read the report with earnest request that I should put it in.—Lee.

ed so long as he had health and strength. He died at the age of sixty-one, of chronic dysentery, in Ypsilanti, December 21, 1875. Brother Shaw was a good man, and did good, and beyond doubt, has found many stars in the bright world, to bestud the crown of his rejoicing.

Mrs. MARY JANE CURTIS, consort of Rev. D. A. Curtis, member of this Conference, was born in Perington, Monroe County, New York, March 14, 1824. Her maiden name was Beal. She was married to our Brother Curtis, April 5, 1849, with whom she shared the blessings and sorrows of life for twenty-seven years, in twenty-four of which she bore her full portion of the trials incident to the life of an Itinerant Methodist Preacher. Being of rather a feeble physical constitution, she never enjoyed very firm health, yet was she patient and assiduous in her devotion to interests of her family and the church. Last fall she became exceeding anxious for the salvation of her children, and prayed earnestly for their conversion. She lived long enough to see them all, four in number, converted and members of the church during the revival in the winter. Her last sickness was pneumonia, which finished its work in about three weeks; and after much suffering, patiently borne, she fell asleep, March 17, 1876, fifty years old. She died in great peace, full of the hope of a glorious immortality.

Mrs. CHARLOTTE A. BARRY, consort of Rev. Edward Barry of the Detroit Conference, was born in Canada, in 1844, and was converted when fifteen or sixteen years old. She was married to Brother Barry in 1864, with whom she shared the joys and sorrows of life for twelve years, between nine and ten years of which were spent in the itinerant life of a Methodist minister, to [which she was well adapted, and which she enjoyed. She died of hemorrhage of the lungs, April 11, 1867. She was conscious, and clear in her mind to the last moment, and passed away in the most complete assurance of faith. She has left a son and daughter to share the loss with their afflicted father.

Mrs. MARCIA A. MAY, consort of Rev. F. W. May, of the Detroit Conference, was born in Pennsylvania in 1825. She was converted when fourteen years old. She was married in January, 1845, and in about four years, entered with her husband, upon the Itinerant life of a Methodist preacher's wife. For twenty-six years she acted well her part, and bore with Christian fortitude and patience the labors and trials incident to her husband's calling. Her husband being appointed chaplain during the war, she accompanied him to Washington, where she made herself useful among the wounded, sick and dying. Realizing that she was likely to be taken away without warning, she said to her sister, that should such be the case, they might rest assured that all was well with her. She died, as she had anticipated, suddenly, at her sister's in Kalamazoo, May 8, 1876, leaving a husband, one daughter, and many friends, made sad by her death.

Mrs. JANE KILPATRICK, the wife of James H. Kilpatrick, of the Detroit Conference, was born in Oneida County, New York, in 1846. Her maiden name was Ball. The family came to Michigan and settled in Lansing, where she was converted in 1868, and was married to Brother Kilpatrick in 1869, with whom she shared the labors of an itinerant ministry for seven brief years, when the Master called her away. She died of consumption, on the 10th of May, 1876, aged thirty years. She was a great sufferer during her last sickness, which she bore with remarkable Christian meekness and patience. She was aware of her approaching end, for which she was fully prepared. Three children passed before her to the sun-bright clime, and one remains to the stricken husband and father.

Mrs. HANNAH P. LAING, wife of Rev. A. R. Laing, was born in Macomb county, Michigan, December 10, 1848. She was converted when ten years old, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was married to our Brother Laing, March 23, 1874. Her itinerant experience was short, but long enough to demonstrate her fitness for the work. Especially was she devoted to the interests of the Sunday-school, in which she was an efficient laborer so long as she had strength to work for God and humanity. She was aware of her approaching end, and said, the day before she died, "Though I walk through the valley and shadow of death, I will fear no evil." When she could no longer speak, she made signs to her husband that all was well, and fell asleep in Christ, June 4, 1876. "And I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." (Rev. xiv, 13.)

LUTHER LEE,
Chairman.

[G.]

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The design of the Church Extension Board is to aid in erecting cheap and commodious churches for feeble societies where the people are unable to build them for themselves. This is done sometimes by loans, and sometimes by donations. It is often the case that by the grant of a small sum to aid in meeting indispensable cash expenses, local donations of lots, and labor, and lumber, and other material are obtained which result in securing a property many times the amount bestowed by the Board and in insuring the permanence and perpetual

usefulness of societies which otherwise could maintain but an ephemeral existence.

It is doubtful whether any money we contribute for benevolent purposes yields as great a percentage in both temporal and spiritual results as that which is properly administered by the Church Extension Board. Its work is indispensable to the success of our domestic missions, especially in the South, which form, without doubt, the most important department of our missionary work. It is just as impossible for our domestic missions to secure permanent results without houses of worship as it would be for a merchant to drive a prosperous and permanent trade without a place of business. The necessity for aid to erect suitable churches is often more pressing than for current expenses. Hence every argument which should induce us to give to sustain our Home Missions at all, comes with multiplied force when applied to our work of Church Extension. All that is needed, in many cases, to make a mission self-sustaining is a house of worship; when without one, it must for ever be a pensioner upon the Missionary Society, and be the means of establishing a flourishing church instead of a languishing mission.

Resolved, That we will give this cause the place it deserves among our great benevolent enterprises in the regular collections of the year.

J. S. SMART, Chairman.

[H.]

PERIODICALS.

Our periodical literature is evidently increasing in intellectual and literary excellence and is also intensifying and diffusing the religious life of the church. It aims to command the respect of the most intelligent and to satisfy the demand of the people for religious knowledge. Different grades of periodicals have been established to meet these varied wants.

The high standard of the *Quarterly* commends itself to the intelligence of both the ministry and laity. The *National Repository*, which takes the place of the "Ladies' Repository," edited by the veteran editor, Dr. Curry, promises to be a success and should receive a large patronage. Our Sunday School literature is unrivaled.

Our own *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, under the efficient management of its present indefatigable and enterprising editor, has become one of the very best of religious newspapers. No local paper should be allowed to interfere with its well deserved patronage. Its subscription list should be largely increased.

The *Michigan Christian Advocate* has a local place among us, and without interfering with others, it has admirably adapted itself to its own sphere and is doing a grand, good work. Our people are well pleased with it. We bid it God speed.

We earnestly urge upon all the preachers the importance of increasing the circulation of our own periodical literature until all our charges are well supplied.

J. M. FULLER, Chairman.

[I.]

TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET FOR CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

RECEIVED	1876.	1875.	CR.
From Detroit District...	\$1,571 34	\$1,782 40	
" Ann Arbor "	1,687 28	1,230 30	By cash paid Hitchcock and Walden.....\$6,845 85
" Adrian "	1,393 77	1,210 31	By cash paid R. Nelson, per Graham..... 528 07
" Flint "	1,188 60	947 38	By cash paid R. Nelson by Central Church..... 400 00
" Saginaw "	533 50	556 61	By cash paid Hitchcock and Walden by Calumet..... 61 00
" Romeo "	703 45	953 30	
" Port Huron "	377 74	350 46	
" L. Superior "	369 24	431 25	
Donation from Charles Millington.....	10 00	1 90	\$7,834 92
	\$7,834 92	\$7,463 91	
Last year.....	\$7,463 91		
Increase.....	\$ 371 01		

JOHN HAMILTON, Treasurer.

[K.]

PARSONAGES.

WHEREAS, there are upwards of seventy charges without parsonages, and whereas very many of the parsonages we have are very inconveniently constructed and in poor repair. Therefore

Resolved 1, That in our opinion it is very important that the Trustees of our churches provide, by purchase or otherwise, a suitable house for the pastor upon each of our charges and keep them in good repair.

Resolved 2, That a convenient room should be provided for the pastor's study in all our parsonages.

Resolved 3, That as far as possible, the parsonages should be furnished with all heavy furniture.

J. F. DAVIDSON, Chairman.

[L.]

SANCTITY OF THE SABBATH.

Resolved, That this is no time to slacken our efforts to preserve sacred the day of our Lord.

Resolved, That it is our duty to endeavor to maintain without depreciation, the tone of public sentiment which has hitherto prevailed in this country upon this subject.

Resolved, That the social, civil and material interests of the people require that our civil laws be not made any less restrictive than they have been, and that they be faithfully enforced.

Resolved, That efforts should be made to prevent the violation of the Sabbath by railroads and steamboats.

B. S. TAYLOR, Chairman.

[N.]

EPISCOPAL FUND.

BALANCE SHEET.

	DR.
Received from the charges as per General Statistics.....	\$441 49
Amounts without place.....	9 00
Total.....	\$450 49
	CR.
Paid Dr. Hitchcock at Conference.....	\$385 57
Remitted H. & W. Chicago, from Calumet.....	9 00
Remitted R. & P. from Central Church.....	51 00
Remitted to H. & W. Cincinnati.....	4 92
	\$450 49

J. M. ARNOLD, Treasurer.

[O.]

CONFERENCE CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET.

	DR.
Total received from Charges.....	\$670 07
	CR.
Paid D. Preston & Co.....	\$447 50
S. Lyon remitted D. Preston & Co.....	13 16
Central Church remitted Nelson & Phillips.....	200 00
Calumet Church to H. & W. Chicago.....	15 00
	\$675 66

Adrian District collections paid to Addison Church without consent of the Society, is not credited to the Conference Society.

J. M. ARNOLD, Cor. Sec'y.

[P.]

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee submit the following resolutions, viz.:

Resolved, That we will put forth earnest and continued effort for the utter destruction of this evil.

Resolved, That we recommend the formation of temperance societies in our Sunday Schools. If we can save the children of this generation we shall have secured the men and women of the next generation.

Resolved, That we recommend the use of none but unfermented wine for sacramental purposes.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the government to legally prohibit, and not to legally permit, this traffic.

Resolved, That it is the duty of that powerful agent, the religious press, to co-operate with the pulpit in the suppression of this evil.

Resolved, That it is the duty of Christians and philanthropists, to banish the lighter intoxicating beverages, as well as the stronger, from their tables and home, and to unite in all just measures for the reconstruction of society upon the basis of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks.

A. F. BOURNS, Chairman.

[Q.]

BIBLE CAUSE.

With somewhat imperfect returns we are able to report collections from 28 charges which aggregate the sum of \$241.83, an increase of \$60.34 over those of last year. We submit the following: *Resolved*, That we pledge the American Bible Society our cheerful co-operation in its plans and purposes, and all reasonable fidelity in presenting its claims to our people.

J. W. CRIPPEN, Chairman.

[R.]

REPORT OF FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

The blotting out of Slavery from the nation, was a grand and noble deed for the colored people of the United States. The price paid, and the blessings secured were great and precious.

But this after all, was but the beginning of the work to be done for the emancipated slaves. This smote the fetters from the hands and feet only, but left the mind still held by the stronger fetters of ignorance and superstition. To give them the former without the latter, would be very questionable philanthropy. When in slavery,

they were guided by the superior intelligence of their masters; now they will be led by impulse and passion, unless they receive instruction from our hands, and are prepared to understand, and stimulated to feel, the duties and responsibilities of citizenship.

For some time after the war of emancipation closed, the government had its Freedmen's Bureau, but this ceased with the reconstruction of the Southern States, leaving the work largely to the church and other benevolent activities. Ten years ago the Freedmen's Aid Society was organized, and since that time untold good has been accomplished by its labors. It has aided in establishing and maintaining 14 institutions of learning for the purpose of educating colored teachers and preachers, valued at \$200,000. In these schools 50 instructors are employed, and 2,000 pupils are being taught.

The total disbursements since the organization of the Society has been \$524,520.70. Last year the total collections were \$86,565.33. Of this amount the Detroit Conference gave \$528.54.

We have received this year in cash and drafts.....	\$328 00
Vouchers for money forwarded.....	185 35
Balance from last year.....	1 00
Making a total of.....	\$514 35

J. VENNING, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

BALANCE SHEET.

Total receipts from Charges.....	\$156 26
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Forwarded to New York.....	\$ 55 00
Forwarded to Chicago.....	12 00
Paid J. B. Atchinson.....	7 00
Paid Nelson & Phillips.....	82 26
	\$156 26

H. W. HICKS, Treasurer.

TRACT SOCIETY.

BALANCE SHEET.

Total receipts from Charges.....	\$124 86
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Forwarded to New York.....	\$ 43 25
Forwarded to Chicago.....	2 00
Paid J. M. Arnold.....	6 80
Paid Nelson & Phillips.....	72 81
	\$124 86

H. W. HICKS, Treasurer.

ALBION COLLEGE.

To the Members of the Detroit Annual Conference :

DEAR BRETHREN—Your Committee of Visitation to Albion College, submit the following report:

Two of the members of your Committee have visited the College during the year. Both the examinations of the classes so far as attended, and the public exercises at commencement gave gratifying and encouraging evidences of diligent application to study on the part of students, and of able and faithful teaching on the part of the Professors. The administration of its affairs has been prudent and energetic, both in the selection of men and the adoption of such measures as have given greatest promise of success. The opinion as far as could be ascertained, was that its present corps of teachers has never been equalled in scholarship and ability to teach. The deportment of the students was represented by professors and citizens as being worthy of a Christian and Methodist college. Each term in the year had been marked by the enjoyment of good health, and by a growing devotion to the welfare and success of the college. The increased special attention given to rhetoric, music, and paintings and drawing, is yielding good fruit in the evident improvement in literary taste, and in the style of composition among the students. The accommodations of the Boarding Hall and students' rooms are excellent in convenience, and reasonable in expense. Young ladies rooming in the building and boarding in the hall, are under the immediate supervision and watchcare of the Preceptress; students taking rooms and boarding in private families in the village, are under the supervision and control of the Faculty.

The facilities and advantages for study and improvement are gradually and certainly increasing. Additions are being made to the library, museum and laboratory. Public lectures by distinguished men, and leading magazines and reviews in the reading room awaken strengthen, and gratify the desire for knowledge. An earnest Christian spirit has marked the religious exercises of the college. Prayer and class meetings have been well attended, and the coming of several young men of good repute, from the college into our Conference, gives assurance of a strong sympathy between college and Conference, and of a better and brighter day for Albion, and for Methodism in Michigan.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. C. WORTLEY,
SALLIE A. RULISON, } Committee.

DETROIT CONFERENCE REGISTER.

[As modified at final adjournment, 1876.]

NOTE.—“Div.,” in the sixth column indicates the fact that such members fell into the Detroit Conference by the division of 1856.

Will members *help the Secretary to fill all blanks*. The same request is made to *Probationers*. The fifth column shows time of admission to membership, not to probation. Give names IN FULL.

All who joined the Detroit Conference in full connection had at least two years of prior service as preachers on probation. Those who joined other Conferences may have done very many years of service before coming here.

ARTHUR EDWARDS, Secretary.

NUMBER.	NAME.	BORN.		ADMITTED TO FULL CONNECTION.		Came to Detroit Conference.	POSTOFFICE.
		Where.	When.	Church or Conference.	When.		
1	Allen, Alfred.....	Penn.....	1819	Mich.....	1845	Div	Mungerville.
2	Allen, Charles T.....	Mich.....	1841	Detroit....	1870	.....	Pontiac
3	Allington, William.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Deckerville.
4	Anderson, Chas Miller...	N. Y.....	1820	Troy.....	1854	1855	Attica.
5	Arnold, John Motte.....	N. Y.....	1824	Mich.....	1851	Div	Detroit.†
6	Atchinson, John Burch.	N. Y.....	1840	Genessee.	1872	1873	Detroit.
7	Austin, Charles Wm....	N. Y.....	1838	Detroit....	1865	.....	Dansville.
8	Balls, James.....	England	1828	Detroit ..	1868	.....	Davison.
9	Barnes, Leemon.....	Canada..	.....	Detroit....	1868	.....	Lexington.
10	Barry, Edward ..	Canada..	1842	Detroit....	1870	.....	Wyandotte.
11	Bartlett, Alanson Roots	N. Y.....	1827	Mich.....	1853	Div	Bay City.
12	Bancroft, John Orlando	Ohio.....	1826	Mich.....	1855	Div	Watrousville.
13	Baskerville, Thos. H.....	N. Y.....	1845	Detroit....	1873	.....	East Saginaw.
14	Bell, Andrew ..	.....	.....	Mich ..	.....	Div	Ann Arbor.
15	Benton, Wm. Hart.....	La.....	1836	Detroit....	1863	.....	Forester.
16	Benson, William.....	N. Y.....	1820	Mich.....	1846	Div	Adrian.
17	Bessey, Samuel.....	Verm't	1815	Mich.....	1846	Div	Grand Rapids.
18	Bigelow, Wm. Enos.....	N. Y.....	1820	Mich.....	1843	Div	Lapeer.
19	Bigelow, A Jackson.....	N. Y.	1832	Detroit....	1857	.....	Romeo.
20	Birdsall, William.....	N. Y.....	1816	Detroit....	1857	.....	Linden.
21	Bird, Robert.....	England	1821	Mich.....	1848	Div	Petoskey.
22	Bird, Samuel.....	Ireland..	1820	Detroit....	1861	.....	North Branch.
23	Bibbins, Samuel.....	N. Y.....	1797	Wesleyan	1841	1867	New Boston.
24	Blades, Francis Asbury.	Md.....	1821	Mich.....	1846	Div	Detroit.
25	Bourns, Alfred Francis..	Mich.....	1836	Detroit....	1863	.....	Flint.
26	Bradley, Franklin.....	Illinois..	.....	Detroit....	1874	.....	South Lyon.
27	Brown, Henry Newton...	England	1821	Mich.....	1848	Div	Leesville.
28	Brown, Samuel Joshua..	N. Y.....	1829	Detroit....	1868	.....	Carleton.
29	Brockway, Edwin H.....	N. Y.....	1825	Detroit....	1856	.....	Gaines.
30	Brittain, Feavel ..	Verm't	1808	Mich.	1839	Div	Commerce.
31	Burnett, Wm. Q.....	England	1824	Detroit....	1858	.....	Tecumseh.
32	Berry, Joseph Flint.....	Canada..	1856	Detroit....	1876	1876	Gratiot.
33	Calkins, Sylvester.....	.....	.....	Mich.....	.....	Div	South Lyon.
34	Camburn, Ira H.....	N. Y.....	1815	Detroit ..	1857	.....	Dayton.
35	Campbell, Wm John....	England	1827	Detroit....	1862	.....	Wayne.
36	Caster Elisha Ezra.....	N. Y.....	1836	Detroit....	1859	.....	East Saginaw.
37	Caster, James Harvey....	N. Y.....	1818	Mich.....	1858	Div	Leroy.
38	Casler, David.....	N. Y.....	1840	Detroit....	1871	.....	Monroe.
39	Campbell, John W.....	N. Y.....	1849	Detroit....	1875	.....	Caro.
40	Campbell, William M....	N. Brun.	.....	Cong'l Ch	1858	1875	Perry.
41	Church, Charles Lewis..	Penn.....	1838	Detroit....	1863	Ste. Marie.

† 189 Woodward Avenue.

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42	Clough, Albert B.....	Mich.....	1837	Detroit....	1867	Bay City.
43	Clack, William J.....	England	1834	Detroit....	1862	Belleville.
44	Clark, Nathan N.....	Maine....	1841	Detroit....	1874	.....	Harrisville.
45	Cocker, Benjamin F.....	England	1829	Detroit....	1859	....	Ann Arbor.
46	Curtis, David A.....	N. Y.....	1820	Mich.....	1846	Div	Dundee.
47	Clements, Samuel.....	N. Y.....	1817	Mich.....	1851	Div	Northville.
48	Copp, Richard.....	.....	.....	.....	1874	1874	Canada.
49	Crane, Rufus Cullen.....	N. Y.....	1824	Mich.....	1853	Div	Greenville.
50	Crippen, John Wesley...	Mich.....	1833	Detroit....	1859	.....	Commerce.
51	Curnalia, James Henry...	N. Y.....	1836	Detroit....	1862	.....	Midland.
52	Cope, Robert L.....	.....	.....	.....	1875	.....	Millington.
53	Craven, Edwin.....	England	1848	Detroit....	1875	.....	Richmond.
54	Coates, Frederick.....	.....	.....	Detroit....	1876	.....	New Haven.
55	Davison, James F.....	Ohio.....	1810	Ohio.....	1833	Div	Oxford.
56	Dean, Lyman Haynes...	N. Y.....	1829	Detroit....	1857	.....	Detroit.
57	Dobbins Jacob.....	N. Y.....	1809	Mich.....	1832	Div	Litchfield.
58	Donelson, Ira W.....	.....	.....	Mich.....	1855	Div	Pontiac.
59	Donelly, William.....	Penn.....	1808	Detroit....	1854	.....	Tawas.
60	Davis, George R.....	.....	.....	.....	1869	.....	Peking, China.
61	Dunning, Walter Edson	Mich.....	1843	Detroit...	1871	.....	Addison.
62	Dunlap, James A.....	Mich.....	1843	Detroit....	1871	.....	Cass City.
63	Davis, Lewis P.....	Mich.....	1839	Detroit...	1875	.....	Plymouth.
64	Dawe, William.....	England	1848	Detroit....	1875	.....	Evanston.
65	Dawe, Edwin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Fowlerville.
66	Diverty, James Emory	N.Jersey	1852	Detroit...	1876	1876	Lima.
67	Edwards, Arthur.....	Ohio.....	1834	Detroit....	1860	.....	Chicago.†
68	Elwood, Isaac Newton...	N. Y.....	1843	Detroit....	1869	.....	Port Huron.
69	Fair, Alexander Scott...	Canada...	1840	Detroit....	1869	.....	Phoenix.
70	Fiske, Lewis Ransom...	N. Y.....	1825	Mich.....	1857	1866	Detroit.
71	Foster, Edwin.....	N. Y.....	1840	Detroit....	1873	.....	Jay.
72	Fox, William.....	Canada...	1829	Mich.....	1856	Div	Port Huron.
73	Frazee, Elias Wetmore...	N. Brun	1841	Can. W...	1862	1868	Ridgeway.
74	Frazer, Joseph.....	Ireland..	1840	Detroit....	1868	.....	Hudson.
75	Fuller, James Madison	Verm't	1807	New Eng	1830	1870	Detroit.
76	Field, George H.....	Canada...	1835	Can. W...	1864	1872	Manchester.
77	Gage, Rodney.....	Mass....	1821	N Eng....	1855	1856	Utica.
78	Gardner, Thomas C.....	N. Y.....	1820	Mich.....	1845	Div	Port Huron.
79	Gee, Alexander.....	Mich.....	1828	Detroit...	1858	.....	Flat Rock.
80	Gibbs, Calvin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1874	Mt. Clemens.
81	Gordon, John M.....	N. Y.....	1834	Detroit...	1865	.....	Morenci.
82	Gray, John.....	Mass.....	1808	Mich.....	1841	Div	Dryden.
83	Goss, Joel Byington.....	Mich.....	1843	Detroit....	1870	.....	Mt. Morris.
84	Green, Nelson.....	Verm't	1830	N. Hamp	1857	1868	Escanaba.
85	Greensky, Isaac.....	.....	.....	Detroit....	1874	.....	Standish.
86	Giberson, Daniel W.....	Canada...	1839	Detroit....	1876	.....	Hadley.
87	Hale, Osmar B.....	Ohio.....	1840	U. Breth..	1869	1873	Petersburg.
88	Hammond, Daniel W...	Mich.....	1838	Detroit...	1860	.....	Dryden.
89	Hamilton, John.....	Mich.....	1835	Detroit....	1871	.....	Grand Blanc.
90	Hagadorne, Wesley.....	N. H.....	1838	Detroit....	1863	.....	Pinckney.
91	Hankinson, Joseph T...	N. Y.....	1832	Detroit...	1862	.....	Oscoda.
92	Hascall, Erastus R.....	.....	.....	Mich.....	.....	Div	Tecumseh.
93	Harding, Abel W.....	N. J.....	1838	Detroit....	1869	.....	.....
94	Hazen, Albert R.....	Ohio.....	1824	Sou. Ill...	1863	1868	Deerfield.
95	Hedger, Benjamin H.....	N. J.....	1811	Mich.....	1855	Div	Oxford.
96	Hickey, Manasseh.....	N. Y.....	1820	Mich.....	1848	Div	Detroit.
97	Hicks, Henry W.....	N. Y.....	1838	Meth. Pro	1860	1868	Corunna.

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98	Higgins, Theron Clinton	N. Y.	1819	Detroit	1853	Marysville.
99	Hodskiss, Harvey	N. Y.	1818	Wesleyan	1845	1868	Hartland.
100	Holt, Joseph Warren	Conn.	1819	Mich	1848	.....	Davisville.
101	Hood, Hiram	N. Y.	1818	Genesee	1846	1859	Birmingham.
102	Horton, Jacob	Mich.	1840	Detroit	1865	.....	Calumet.
103	Houghton, Levi Liberty	N. Y.	1837	Detroit	1869	.....	Josco.
104	Hudson, Richard	England	.....	Detroit	1873	.....	Arinada.
105	Hoyt, Almon F.	Verm't	1849	Detroit	1876	1876	Brighton.
106	Hudson, James L.	Mich.	1844	Detroit	1866	1876	Clinton.
107	Holmes, Alex. J.	N. Y.	1845	Detroit	1876	1876	.....
108	Hodge, J. J.	.....	.....	Detroit	1876	1876	Champion.
109	Jacokes, Daniel C.	N. Y.	.....	Mich	1842	.....	Pontiac.
110	Joslin, John S.	N. Y.	1836	Detroit	1866	.....	Clarkston.
111	Joslin, Thomas Jefferson	N. Y.	1829	Mich	1854	.....	Milford.
112	Johnson, Isaac	Ireland.	1819	Wesleyan.	1851	1867	Houghton.
113	Johnson, J. Milton	N. Y.	1844	Detroit	1873	.....	Negaunee.
114	Johnson, Peter O.	N. Y.	1817	Mich.	1850	.....	Ann Arbor.
115	Kelly, John	Scotland	1819	Detroit	1863	.....	St. Clair.
116	Kilpatrick, Jesse	Ohio	1831	Detroit	1859	.....	Howell
117	Klump, Erastus	N. Y.	1815	Detroit	1857	.....	.....
118	Kimmell, Samuel Bell	Penn.	1826	Detroit	1872	.....	Manchester.
119	Kilpatrick James H.	N. Y.	1844	Detroit	1872	.....	Trenton.
120	Kellerman, Charles R.	Prussia.	1850	Detroit	1875	.....	Owosso.
121	Laing, Aaron R.	Mich.	1838	Detroit	1865	.....	Bennington.
122	Lee, Samuel P.	N. Y.	1823	Mich	1852	.....	Port Hope.
123	Lee, Luther	N. Y.	1800	Genesee	1829	1867	Northville.
124	Lanning, Robert C.	N. Y.	1819	Meth Prot.	1841	1868	Davisburgh.
125	Lowe, Geo. W.	Mich.	1836	Detroit	1860	.....	Flint.
126	Lyon, George Marcius	N. Y.	1829	Meth Prot.	1868	.....	Laingsburg.
127	Lyons, Nelson G.	Mich.	1845	Detroit	1876	.....	Goodrich.
128	Moon, Lewis N.	Mich.	1849	Detroit	1876	.....	Tuscola.
129	Mahon, William	Ireland.	.....	.....	.....	.....	Marquette.
130	McConnell, Richard	Ireland.	1820	Mich	1846	.....	Port Huron.
131	McIlwain, John A.	N. Y.	1831	Detroit	1865	.....	Grass Lake.
132	McIntosh, John H.	Canada	1834	Detroit	1870	.....	Chesaning.
133	Maywood, John	Canada	1844	Detroit	1870	.....	Albion.
134	Marksman, Peter	Minn	1813	Mich	1839	1857	L'Anse.
135	Miller, David B.	Scotland	1840	Detroit	1873	.....	Hancock.
136	Misener, Duston Wells	Canada.	1840	Can. M. E.	1867	1874	Wenona.
137	Mitchell, Lewis	Ireland.	.....	Detroit	1856	.....	.....
138	Morgan, Josiah George	Mich	1836	Detroit	1867	.....	Redford.
139	Morton, James H.	Scotland	1833	Meth Prot.	1862	1875	New Boston.
140	Mosher, Curtis	N. Y.	1815	Mich	1850	.....	Div
141	Murch, Silas P.	N. Y.	1826	Detroit	1858	.....	Blissfield.
142	Nankervis, Henry	England	1844	Detroit	1876	.....	Marlette.
143	Newton, Newell	N. Y.	1834	Genesee	1856	1868	Walled Lake.
144	Nicholas, Thomas	Canada.	1834	Detroit	1862	.....	Napoleon.
145	Ninde, William Xavier	N. Y.	1832	Black Riv.	1858	.....	Detroit.
146	Nixon, George	.....	.....	.....	1874	1874	.....
147	Noble, James Richard	England	1824	Detroit	1860	.....	Mt. Vernon.
148	Northrup, Henry C.	Mass	1843	Detroit	1875	.....	Alpena.
149	Odell, Daniel J.	Mich	1836	Detroit	1873	.....	Waterloo.
150	Omans, Thomas G.	Mich	1832	Prot. Meth.	1860	.....	Houghton.
151	Owen, George W.	Ohio	1827	Detroit	1860	.....	Royal Oak.
152	Osborne, Wm. H.	Canada.	1848	Detroit	1875	.....	Unionville.
153	Paull, John S.	Wis	1849	Detroit	1875	Lambertville.
154	Pierce, Edwin P.	Mich	1837	Detroit	1875	Milan.

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		Where.	When	Church or Conference.	When		
155	Pardington, Raynor S.....	England	1836	Detroit	1860	Detroit.
156	Pearce, Webster H.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1874	Flint.
157	Parker, Henry O.....	N. Y	1829	Detroit	1856	.....	Birmingham
158	Parker, Jacob E.....	Penn	1816	Mich.....	1845	.....	Washington, D.C.
159	Pearman, Elias Elgin ..	Ind.....	1833	N. Indiana	1859	.....	Port Sanilac
160	Perrin, Oliver Jacob.....	Mich	1838	Detroit	1862	.....	Ypsilanti.
161	Pierce, Nathan Wallace	N. Y	1840	Detroit	1867	.....	Williamston.
162	Pilcher, Elijah Holmes..	Ohio	1810	Ohio.....	1831	Div	Detroit.
163	Pilcher, Leander W.....	Mich.....	1848	Detroit	1862	.....	Peking, China.
164	Potter, Thomas George...	Ireland..	1832	Detroit	1861	.....	Fenton.
165	Prindle, Elias B.....	N. Y.....	1820	Detroit	1856	.....	.....
166	Pritchard, Benj. Frank..	Conn.....	1815	Mich	1850	Div	Unadilla.
167	Pugh, John.....	England	1801	Minn	1856	1860	Milton.
168	Pearce, Francis E.....	Ohio	1847	N. Indiana	1871	1872	Highland.
169	Priestly, John Stanley...	England	1838	Detroit	1874	.....	Fairfield.
170	Palmer Horace.....	Mich	1843	Detroit	1872	.....	Leroy.
171	Ramsdell, Stephen L. ...	.....	.....	Detroit .....	.....	.....	Otisville.
172	Reed, Seth.....	N. Y	1823	Mich.....	1846	Div	Ann Arbor.
173	Richards, And. Jackson	N. Y	1831	Detroit	1865	.....	Marquette.
174	Russell, Jesse B.....	N. Y	1832	Detroit	1863	.....	Augusta.
175	Russell, John.....	N. Y	1822	Mich.....	1845	Div	Detroit.
176	Sanborn, Orlando.....	N. Y	1826	Mich	1855	Div	Linden.
177	Scott, Marvin J.....	N. Y	1832	Detroit	1870	.....	Brockway Center
178	Seeley, Thomas.....	N. J.....	1823	Mich.....	.....	Div	Armada.
179	Shier, Dan R.....	N. J.....	1841	Detroit	1873	.....	Chelsea.
180	Shier, William Henry...	N. Y	1832	Detroit	1863	.....	Adrian.
181	Simpson, Charles	N. Y	1832	Detroit	1868	.....	Washington.
182	Smart, James Shirley....	Maine	1825	Mich	1850	Div	Bay City.
183	Stalker, Thomas.....	England	1829	Detroit	1861	.....	Saginaw City.
184	Stowe, George.....	Mich	1838	Detroit	1863	.....	Swartz Creek.
185	Sutton, Joseph Swazey...	N. J.....	1819	Mich	1848	Div	Ypsilanti.
186	Steele, Ebenezer.....	Mass	1808	Mich	1841	Div	Ann Arbor.
187	Sparling, John George...	Ireland..	1838	Detroit	1871	.....	Lake Linden.
188	Smith, Henry Harrison.	Mass.....	1840	Detroit	1871	.....	St. Clair.
189	Steer, Edward.....	Canada..	1833	Detroit	1871	.....	Rockland.
190	Sparrow, Peter L.	Canada..	1833	.....	.....	1875	.....
191	Strong, Frederick.....	N. Bruns	1832	Detroit	1875	.....	St. Charles.
192	Taylor, Barton S.....	N. Y	1820	Detroit	1861	.....	Dundee.
193	Taylor, George.....	England	1810	Genesee.....	1838	Div	Washington, D.C.
194	Taylor, William.....	England	1817	Mich	1843	Div	Algonac.
195	Tedman, Lucius S.....	N. Y	1832	Detroit	1861	.....	Byron.
196	Thompson, Henry W.....	Mich	1847	Detroit	1874	.....	L'Anse.
197	Triggs, Robert.....	England	1792	Mich	1838	Div	.....
198	Triggs, Wm. M.....	England	1829	Detroit	1860	.....	Tipton.
199	Tracy, David Burnham..	Conn.....	1829	Mich	1855	Div	Detroit.
200	Truscott, John M.....	England	1836	Detroit	1873	.....	Dearborn.
201	Tuttle, William.....	N. Y	1829	Detroit	1857	1871	Troy.
202	Van Norman, Ephraim..	Canada..	1816	Wesleyan..	1846	1867	.....
203	Varnum, Joseph Bradley	Canada..	1830	Detroit	1857	.....	.....
204	Venning, James.....	England	1838	Detroit	1866	.....	Bay City.
205	Van Every, John M.....	Canada..	1850	Missouri..	1872	1872	Clayton.
206	White, Henry Sumner...	N. Y	1828	Providence	1856	1876	Marquette.
207	Wilcox, Isaac.....	Canada	1848	Detroit	1876	.....	Medina.
208	Wortley, J. C.....	England	1830	Detroit	1863	1872	Dexter.
209	Westlake, Eli.....	N. Y	1819	N. Y.....	1841	Div	.....
210	Whiteley, Duke.....	England	1822	Meth. Prot	1854	1872	Orion.
211	Walker, John L.....	Scotland	1835	Detroit	1872	.....	Ruby.
212	Warren, Fred'k Wales...	N. Y	1820	Mich	1846	Div	Fowlerville.
213	Warren, Squire Ethan...	Mich	1825	Detroit	1862	Farmington.

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214	Wakelin, Thomas.....	England	1807	Mich.....	1845	Div	Mt. Morris.
215	Washburn, Wallace W....	Vermont	1837	Minn.....	1869	1870	Detroit.
216	Way, Wm. Chittenden...	N. Y.....	1824	Detroit.....	1850	.....	Holly.
217	Wesley, John.....	England	1819	Detroit.....	1859	.....	Hadley.
218	Whalen, James E.....	Mich.....	.....	Detroit.....	1873	.....	Menominee.
219	Whitmore, Orrin.....	N. Y....	1823	Mich.....	1850	Div	Saline.
220	Whitcomb, Alonzo.....	N. Y....	1838	Detroit.....	1870	.....	Goodland.
221	Whitcomb, John Goss...	N. Y....	1823	Detroit.....	1856	.....	Vernon Station.
222	Whitcomb, Lewis Jacob	N. Y....	1822	Free Bapt..	1849	1867	Memphis.
223	Wilsey, Marcenias B....	N. Y....	1817	Wesleyan..	1845	1867	Vernon.
224	Wilson, Andrew Wm....	Europe ..	1841	Genesee....	1868	1870	Salem.
225	Wilson, George.....	England	1838	Detroit.....	1864	.....	Commerce.
226	Withey, James E.....	Mich....	1844	Detroit.....	1868	.....	Reese.
227	Wilkinson, Thomas.....	England	1838	Prim. Meth	1864	1871	Ishpeming.
228	Wright, Philip J.....	Canada ..	1839	Detroit.....	1871	.....	Mayville.
229	Wood, Alva B.	Mich.....	1843	Detroit.....	1871	.....	Marine City.
230	Woodhams, Roland.....	England	1846	Detroit.....	1874	.....	Vassar.
231	York, Frederick E.....	Canada..	1844	Detroit.....	1868	.....	Flushing
232	York, Lodwick C.....	N. Y.....	1817	Detroit.....	1858	.....	Denton.

PROBATIONERS OF SECOND YEAR.

Alvah G. Blood, Laingsburg. James E. Jacklin, Saginaw City.
Dewitt C. Challis, Rustchuck, Turkey. Walter Preston, Speaker.
Eugene D. Daniels, Almont. John Sweet, Houghton.

LOCAL PREACHERS ON DETROIT DISTRICT, 1876.

ELDERS.

Abraham Fish, Detroit. C. C. Yemans, Detroit.
Richard Beals, Detroit. John Levington, Detroit.
William Phelps, Detroit. John J. Young, Walled Lake.
James M'Eldowney, Detroit. H. S. Hitchcock Royal Oak.

DEACONS.

Wm. Maskill, Detroit. Enos Welch, Walled Lake.
B. J. Lewis, Detroit. Charles Haynes, Commerce.

W. V. Richards, Carlton.

PREACHERS.

W. J. McCune, Detroit. L. P. Kneeland, Detroit.
Oscar W. Willits, Detroit. B. Bulger, Newport.
John L. Thompson, Detroit. W. R. Lewis, Flat Rock.
F. W. Soper, Detroit. Joseph McGrath, Detroit.
Wm. Bailey, Detroit. Edward Carter, Birmingham.
A. Harwood, Warren.

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DETROIT DISTRICT.																																																		
Detroit Central Church.....	64	696	4	...	38	33	1	\$ 162000	\$ 103 00	\$ 744 30	\$ 183 77	\$ 928 07	\$125 20	\$ 200 00	\$40 20	\$55 00	\$169 85	\$27 50	\$75 00	\$51 00	...	\$7000	\$3327	\$3327 00	2	101	1147	400	404	343	644	99	150	40	1423	\$800 00	100	1300	\$100 00	...						
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Simpson ".....	13	223	2	2	21	31	1	50000	1	\$ 8000	50 00	110 00	51 00	55 00	5 00	5 00	50 00	10 00	5 00	20 00	...	8500	2300	2300 00	1	36	550	200	389	35	75	20	600	300 00	...	35							
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Sixteenth st. ".....	9	76	2	4	1	2	...	12000	10 00	1000	1012	617 00	2	29	275	150	50	75	225	23	11	5	200	...	22									
Fort st. ".....	13	69	6	1	...	8000	2 00	10 00	5 00	15 00	6 00	2 00	80 00	2100	1440	1400 00	1	28	320	110	250	27	10	8	300	120 00	...	100	28						
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Flat Rock	10	140	1	...	2	2	...	8000	1	1000	5 00	15 00	9 00	24 00	50 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	33 00	...	800	731 00	4	43	310	177	99	94	210	30	30	10	405	103 00	45	...	11	675						
Denton and Sheldons.....	27	140	2	...	8	3	...	9000	2 75	40 50	...	40 50	49 50	5 00	2 00	2 50	6 50	8 00	300 00	...	914	769 00	4	48	253	119	115	29	203	31	19	...	649	110 76	40	...	20						
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Dearborn and Inkster.....	40	100	...	4	20	1	...	300	1	1400	7 00	18 00	654	499 00	2	20	130	100	30	30	100	15	5	6	...	50 00	...	30	1					
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Northville	18	104	...	5	...	17	1	3000	1	2500	1 00	11 87	...	11 87	14 00	100 00	700	...	1050	1050 00	1	10	172	128	15	29	90	10	64	8	...	10 47	...	40	12				
Walled Lake	1	109	2	...	3	...	2	5800	1	800	11 00	2 00	...	800	800 00						
Commerce	4	80	1	2	2	1	1	1800	1	500	1 25	20 00	...	30 0	...	2 00	2 00	...	748	682 00					
Farmington	2	101	1	1	...	2000	1	1000	6 25	16 00	...	16 00	1 00	5 25	20 00	...	1012	874 00	3	33	180	9	56	34	175	20	35	...	400	95 00	...	25						
Southfield	7	121	...	3	5	2	2	3000	1	800	6 00	45 00	...	45 00	35 38	4 00	2 00	1 00	...	2 00	2 00	2 00	...	800	800 00	3	29	150	62	50	38	135	28	43	2	150	55 00	...	45	...	15	3				
Birmingham	6	148	1	4	1	2	1	20000	1	1000	...	30 00	12 16	42 16	6 00	2500	1000	800 00	1	20	240					
Royal Oak	90	1	1	...	2	1	2000	3 00	15 00	...	15 00	...	2 00	2 00	200 00	...	700	700 00	1	19	130	60	40	30	80	18	29	...	300	75 00	...	50						
Monroe	10	148	...	2	4	10	1	3500	1	2500	5 00	8 00	300 00	10000	1200	1100 00	1	27	240	91	85	64	122	25	62	3	250	84 60	...	75	16					
New Boston	95	159	1	1	4	40	2	3000	1	700	96 00	42 10	9 14	25 00	...	897	850 00	5	36	160					
Belleville	24	160	...	1	...	4	2	5000	1	1200	6 00	29 00	6 00	26 00	57 28	5 00	3 00	4 50	2:36 50	870	834	712 00	2	26	185	70	60	55	130	17	5	8	400	45 00	100	...	8					
Leesville and Warren.....	5	49	1	1	11	4	2	2000	1	2500	2 75	15 50	...	15 50	...	1 50	1 00	1 00	15 00	...	800	800 00	3	22	97	24	26	47	85	18	15	4	300	40 00	36	...	8			
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Decrease	10	3	3700	...	394 74	...	83 71	28 00	8 00	13 19	11032 00	4679	591
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Adrian	39	471	1	10	...	36	1	50000	1	...	24 16	132 05	200 00	332 05	50 00	93 00	10 77	...	1850	1850 00	1	50	400	300	
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Clinton and Macon	7	150	...	2	...	7	2	10000	1	1000	4 29	33 63	4 60	38 23	...	25 00	1 06	1 07	4 25	100 00	800	800 00	1	15	109	51	43	15	53	14		
Manchester	5	108	...	1	...	6	1	5000	1	2500	7 00	65 00	...	65 00	20 00	30 00	3 40	3 40	2 00	150 00	815	91 90	2	20	150	56	52	24	105	18	42	25	50	31 58	36	...	11	200	
Napoleon and Brooklyn	10	158	3	1	...	4	1	3000	1	1000	5 00	55 75	...	55 75	...	3 00	1 40	3635 06	1165	...	815	91 90	2	20	150	56	52	24	105	18	42	25	50	31 58	36	...	11	200	
Sharon	81	2	4000	1	1000	15 09	45 00	...	45 00	34 00	75 00	650	650 00	4	24	139	60	49	4	118	
Deerfield and Petersburg.....	68	201	...	2	...	2	2	4000	1	300	2 60	21 00	2 00	23 00	11 21	27 00	5 00	3 00	125 00	960	960 00	2	20	175	120	40	15	140	20	80	130	240		
Lambertville	56	4	2	2	2500	1	1000	6 00	40 00	...	40 00	...	12 00	2 10	5 00	635	635 00	5	35	250	175	15	15	...	425</													

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Ann Arbor	66	549	4	6	1	52	2	\$60000	1	\$4000	\$45 50	\$257 50	\$56 00	\$313 50	71 10	26 00			25 32			10 70	\$1000 00	\$10000	2210	\$2210 00	2	54	370	59	139	72	295	46	110	30	1550	\$302 00		200	52		
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Brighton	10	89	1				1	3000	1	1000	4 50	42 68	3 32	46 00	28 42	5 50					1 75		450	853	760 00	2	30	150			27	107				400	25 10		60				
Chelsea	40	125	1	1		17	2	10000	1	2000	8 00	70 00		70 00		4 00			4 00			6 00	50 00		1000	1000 00	2	20	150	77	42	13	86	45	23	13		55 00	50		5		
Dansville	7	100	4			1	1	3000			6 00	60 00		60 00	25 00						1 60	200 00		900	860 00	2	25	140	60	60	20	80	21	10	6		61 79	75		21			
Oakville	28	156	4	2	5	11	3	7500	1	200		61 00		61 00								600	550 00	4	43	216	84	67	45	203	37	37	8	225	68 70	3		21					
Dexter	20	110	1	2		8	1	4000	1	500	5 00	32 00		32 00	22 72						4 25	75 00		980	980 00	1	20	155	100	28	27	127			4	500	125 00		29	15	1 50		
Dixborough	15	60		2		2	1	3500	1	2000	3 00	23 15		23 15	10 45								330 00		750	596 00	2	15	135				150	15		35	150						
Fowlerville	37	114				15	1	3500	1	1500		19 00	12 00	31 00	6 00	3 00	3 25	2 00					36 00	450	900	850 00	1	17	150	35	80	35	92	17	35	15	129	7 00	1	22	14		
Grass Lake		235	1				2	25000	1	200	5 00	80 00	10 00	90 00	27 00						4 00	1 70		1200	200 00	2	50	240	50	160	30	209	50	175	100	300	150 00			10			
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Henrietta	1	109	2		1	5	2	6000	1	1000	5 00	37 00		37 00		3 00				5 00				750	700 00	4	38	200	66	110	24	175	20			400	60 00	40		16			
Howell	58	246	4	1	1	68	1	5000	1	12	13 50	100 00		100 00			3 10	7 00	2 00		3 10			1050	1050 00	3	39	35	150	150	50	200	39	40	30	250	50 00	25		40			
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